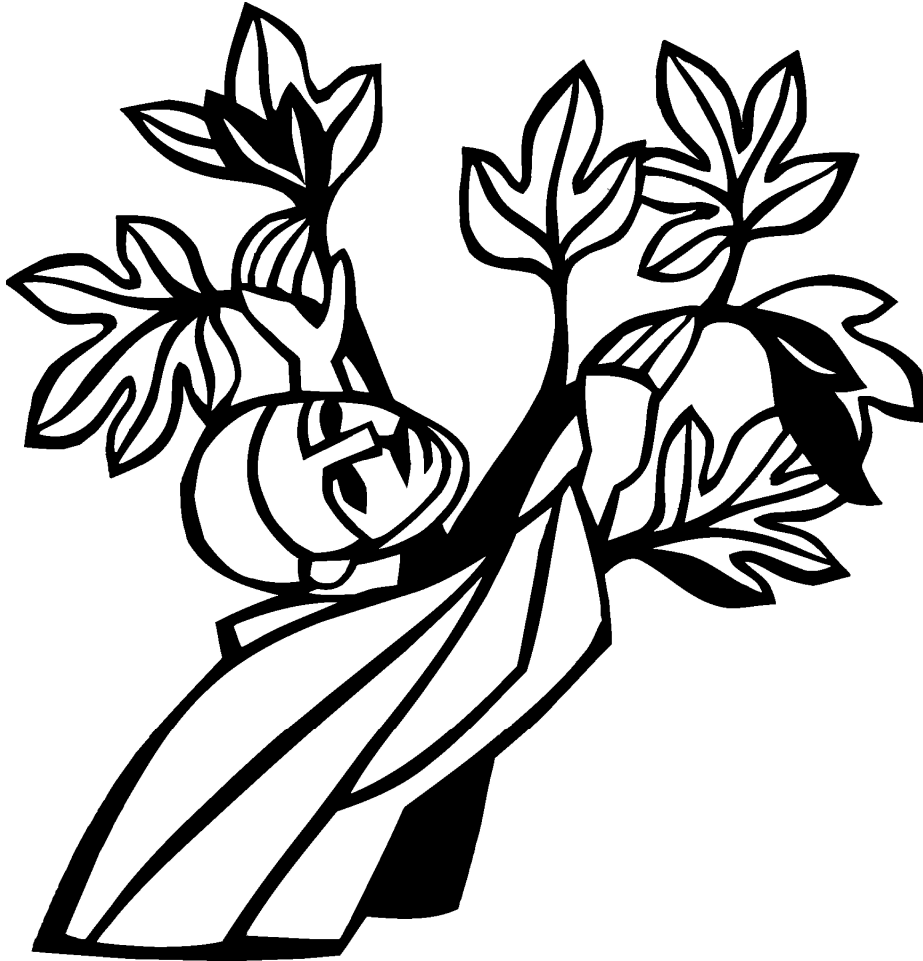


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



20 MARCH 2022
The Third Sunday in Lent

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

GATHERING – "The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God."

PRELUDE – "What Wondrous Love Is This"

arr. Thomas Keesecker, Teresa Wilhelmi,
Charity Book Putnam

"As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom; arr. Mark Hayes, Victor Labenske

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☐ In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

☑ Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P Holy One,
C we confess that we have wandered far from you:
 we have not trusted your promises,
 we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
 we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
 we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.
Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
 the Word draws near to you,
 and all who call out to God shall be saved.
 In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
 and gathers you under wings of love.
 In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
 God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
C Amen.

The author of this hymn text is said to be the pre-eminent hymn-writer of Wales. He wrote over 800 Welsh hymns and more than 100 in English. The composer of the tune was a Welsh coal miner and churchman, and the tune name honors his lifelong home, the Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire, Wales. The tune was written for a singing festival in Wales, and in the first 25 years of the 20th century it was used in over five thousand such festivals.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

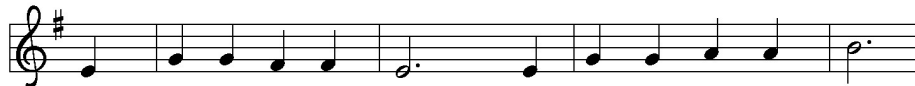


feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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.**

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
- ☑ **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God’s ways are not our ways.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

- ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
- ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.



⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷Let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ:
He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ►

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -

slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?” ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

Living most of his life in Gettysburg, PA, this composer served as President and graduated from the Lutheran Theological Society in Gettysburg. He was among the most honored and respected hymn writers of the 20th and 21st centuries. He participated in the creation of day care centers, served on the Gettysburg interchurch social action committee, helped create and support prison ministries and a homeless shelter, and tutored young people in the after school program of Christ Lutheran Church,

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 331

As the Deer Runs to the River



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
Music: JULION, David Hurd, 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 Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For the men, women, and children in places around the world who are suffering from acts of evil and injustice, including the people of Ukraine; for those who perpetrate the violence and suffering, including the President of Russia and those aiding and abetting him; for those who are seeking to bring an end to war and devastation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

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

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With Martin Halttunen and all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. *Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.

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

VOLUNTARY – “What Wondrous Love Is This”

arr. Lee Dengler

Please meditate on the text of this hymn (LBW 385 & ELW 666). Each of the four sections of this voluntary portrays a fragment of each of the four verses of the hymn:

1. *Wondrous love...*
2. *Sinking down...*
3. *I will sing...*
4. *I'm free; I'll sing on...*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

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

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen. *Matthew 6:9***

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.

C Amen.

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

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing.

Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.

Take a cup and then return to your seat by the side aisle.

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

If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION

The text for this hymn is the work of a prolific hymn writer of 17th century Germany.
The tune, whose composer was a great organist and hymn-writer of 19th-century England,
was originally written for a wedding hymn.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 542

O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength - ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your-self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won-drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank-ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING

- P** You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ☩ bless you this day and always.
- C** Amen.

Text and tune of this hymn are of unknown origin, although conjectures are many. The meter is one found in several ballads of the day, which can be traced to a 16th century song published in Scotland.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 666

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
C Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE – "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"
"Ukrainian National Anthem"**

arr. Paul Manz
Mykhaylo Verbytsky

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Karen Lundwall

GREETERS – Vicky Blasco, Pastor Brian & Jane Moran (8:15 am)

Jeanne Gaber, Sally & Phil McAfee (10:30 am)

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

Liz Stroup (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Eric Hedlund (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my father, Martin Halttunen, by Janet Kent.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dominick Wesley Shaner's birthday on March 17 by Aunt Sally and Uncle Phil McAfee.

Flyers listing possibilities for your Lenten disciplines are located at the welcome tables. Please pick one up and prayerfully consider how you will keep the season of Lent this year.

Delicious homemade soup is available for purchase following the 10:30 service this morning. Proceeds will benefit our youth group. Thank you.

Worship

Lent is a more quiet and somber time than others in the church year. On Sunday mornings in Lent we will be intentionally extending the times of silence for your own reflection and prayer.

Lenten services will be held each Wednesday in Lent at 12:05pm in the main church. Come join us in the observance of a holy Lent and be changed by the grace of God. Lenten meals will not be offered this year, but we are hopeful they will resume next year.

March 23	“The Greatest of These is Love”	Pastor Kristen Papson
March 30	“Love Your Enemies”	Mr. Ron King
April 6	“Perfect Love Casts Out Fear”	Pastor Brian Moran

Palm Sunday 10:30 worship service will begin with a processional using rhythm instruments led by our children. We hope many of our children will join us for this special service as we celebrate the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem. Please contact our church office or Beth Keller if your child(ren) would like to participate.

Volunteers are needed to welcome those attending worship on Sunday mornings for the 8:15 and 10:30am services. Please contact Norma, in the church office, if you would like to welcome our friends with a smile. Thank you.

Music Ministry

The **Luther Memorial Choir** and **Handbell Choir** have resumed rehearsals on Thursdays. Handbells practice at 6:00pm with the choir practicing at 7:00pm. Please contact Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com; 814.602.2755) if you are interested in joining us as we prepare for Holy Week and the Easter season.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (April 3)
- Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (April 10)
- LYO – third Sunday of the month (March 20)**
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (March 27)

Luther Memorial Church's 7th, 8th and 9th graders will be attending **Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn** from June 19 to June 24, 2022. Information has been sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Luther Memorial Church's 10th grade students will prepare for their confirmation and gather for classes beginning Sunday, April 24 through Sunday, May 22 from 11:30am – 1:00pm. These youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Join us March 22; this is more fun than finding a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions. During each gathering masks are worn and safe distancing protocols are followed.

Supporting our Youth

Fundraisers continue to help offset the church cost of Confirmation Camp for our youth. We invite you to stop by the youth table in the parlor area and browse the wide assortment of items to order; dips from Gourmet Creations, Cookie Cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe, Tropical Sweet Heat sauce from Hot Diggity Pepper Company, and hamloaf for your Easter dinner.

Summer Camp

Register for a great week of summer fun at Camp Lutherlyn. There are camps available for every interest from Horse Camp to Rocketry to Arts & Music. Even the youngest can attend Small Fry Days and the entire family can enjoy Family Camp. Flyers are available at the welcome tables.

Military Outreach

Military Care Packages are being prepared to be sent to our servicemen and women. Donations and cards may be placed in the marked boxes in the parlor area. Homemade cookies may be dropped off in the church office, marked "military". Monetary donations are appreciated to help with the shipping cost. Please help us support our troops with some gifts from home and prayers for their safe return. **A list of needed items can be found at the welcome table. Donations will be accepted from through April 2. A drive-by drop off at the church will be held April 2 from 10:00-11:00am.**

Support for Ukraine

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

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

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

The Grace Slavic Pentecostal Church located on Carriage Hill Drive in Erie wanted to create a reliable place where the community can donate towards Ukraine. This humanitarian effort is currently providing support to the refugees that have left Ukraine. Information on ways to donate, as well as their newsletter and videos, can be found on their website at <https://linktr.ee/ErieForUkraine>.

Save the Date

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 940 E. 22nd Street, will be closing. A definite date for the closing has not yet been determined. Pastor Owen Rhodes and St. Stephen's congregation would like to invite you to their 10:30am worship service on Sunday, May 1, with special music and keynote speakers, followed by a Farewell Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Reservations are necessary for the luncheon; please RSVP to 814-456-0121 (messages can be left) or saint10@verizon.net.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Luther Memorial Church will continue to request that all those worshipping wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status through Sunday, March 20. **Beginning Sunday, March 27 masks will be optional.** Masking recommendations will be revisited monthly and changes made if community numbers increase. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our 8:15 worship service will return to the Chapel beginning Sunday, April 24, the first Sunday after Easter.

In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, MARCH 21

TUESDAY, MARCH 22	8:45am	LMA Buddy Program
	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23	12:05pm	Lenten Worship Service
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THURSDAY, MARCH 24	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022 THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

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

Children’s Church for grades 4th – 6th will gather at 9:30am.

First Holy Communion class will be held at 9:30am.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Jan MacInnes
	10:30am	Emma Chaffee
Altar Guild	8:15am	Jane Moran
	10:30am	Mary Daniels, Jessica Copfer

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Lois Fobes	Bill Grande
Barb Holcomb	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Bev Held	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Nancy Downey
Julie, AJ, baby Gigi Chandler	Matt Kinzig	Brent Young	Dave Kinzig
Bob Banks	Elaine Kern		

Friends and Family:

Cecily & Addison DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Frank Nalepa	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
Bob	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
John & Naomi Howard	Ed Hokaj	Josie W.	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Gayle Rumbaugh	Shelly
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
Eli Martinez Montero	Aahron	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingraham	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Steven & Ally Soltesz	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Christian	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn	Amanda Toms
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Judy Skoog	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Kathy Kisak	Sophia	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sidney	Loraine Pond
Allison & Erick	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Marianella
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Jennifer Bluey	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Mike & Paula Lombardoizzi family	Bonnie Ford	Jim Sturm	Amy & Nate
Eli Martinez Montero	William Lemmon	Rev. Ralph Storm	Kevin

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			