

Welcome to

Luther Memorial Church

of the Erie Lutheran Parish



23 APRIL 2023

The Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 am

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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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 – “In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay” (Chorale)
“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

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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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

☐ For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

☐ For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

☐ For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



- P** For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- P** For the One who turned water into wine and met a woman at the well with living water.
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- P** For Living Water poured out on all people, washing the eunuch and Philip and us alike.
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- P** For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!
C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** Let us pray:
 God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation;
 our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams.
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation.
 Cleanse our fears.
 Drown our divisions.
 Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives
 are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched
 thanks to the risen Jesus, the Beloved of God.
- C** **Amen.**

*This text, first published in 1739, is the work of Charles Wesley, one of the great hymn writers of the ages.
 The tune was written by Pierre de Corbeil, a French cleric, for a text paying tribute to the donkey,
 at the manger in Bethlehem and on the flight into Egypt.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 373

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222

GREETING

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ The grace of our Risen Savior, the love of the ever-living God, and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

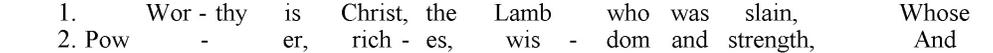
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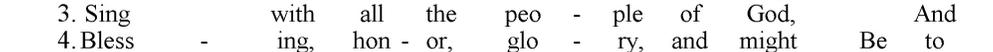
This is the feast of vic to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose



2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, And



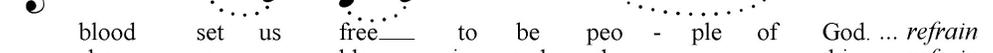
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And



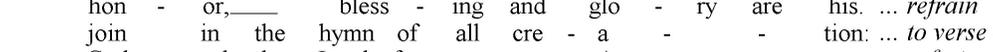
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to



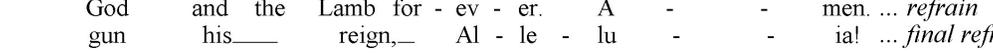
5. For the Lamb who was slain Has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. ... *refrain*



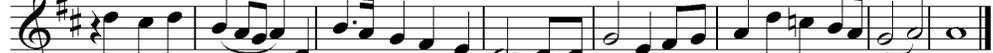
hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his. ... *refrain*



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: ... *to verse 4*

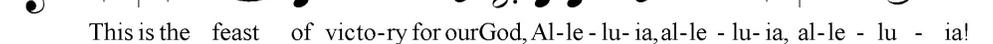


God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. ... *refrain*



gun his reign, Al - le - lu - ia! ... *final refrain*

Final Refrain



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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
- ☑ **O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰Christ was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵Then Jesus said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village ►

to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able.

Susan Palo Cherwien studied church music and voice at Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, graduating with a Bachelor of Music degree. She also attended Mundelein College in Chicago, IL graduating with a Master of Liberal Studies concentrating on spirituality, ritual, and the arts. The text of this hymn examines how the story of Jesus appearing on the roadway to the disciples appears in our own lives, and how Christ is revealed to us in the breaking of bread.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day of Arising

ELW 374

1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,

un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.

When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing

and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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NICENE CREED

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

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard threatened land and water. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.



A You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by gender or sexuality and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints, especially John D. Mumford, III, Wayne Heidt and Jane Heidt. As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

ANTHEM – “The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus”

John Alcock, arr. Mark Schweizer

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

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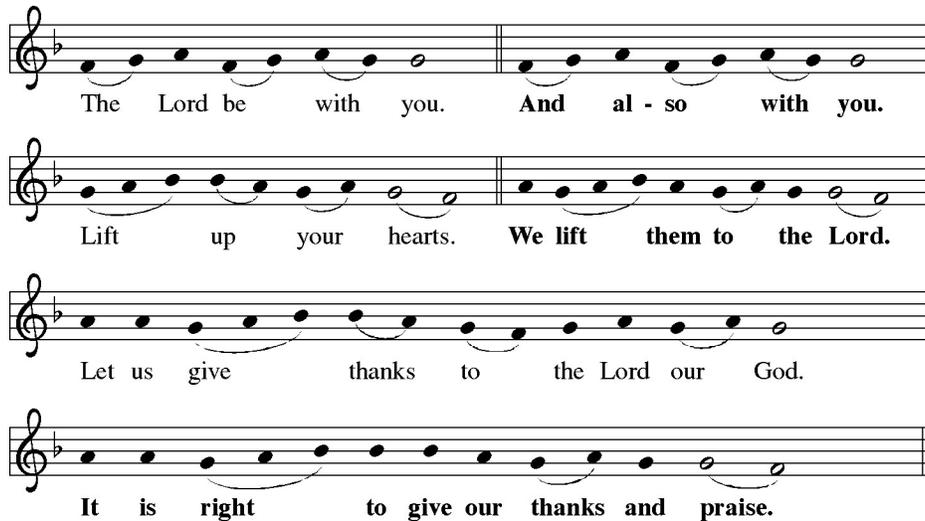
Now We Join in Celebration

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray:
Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



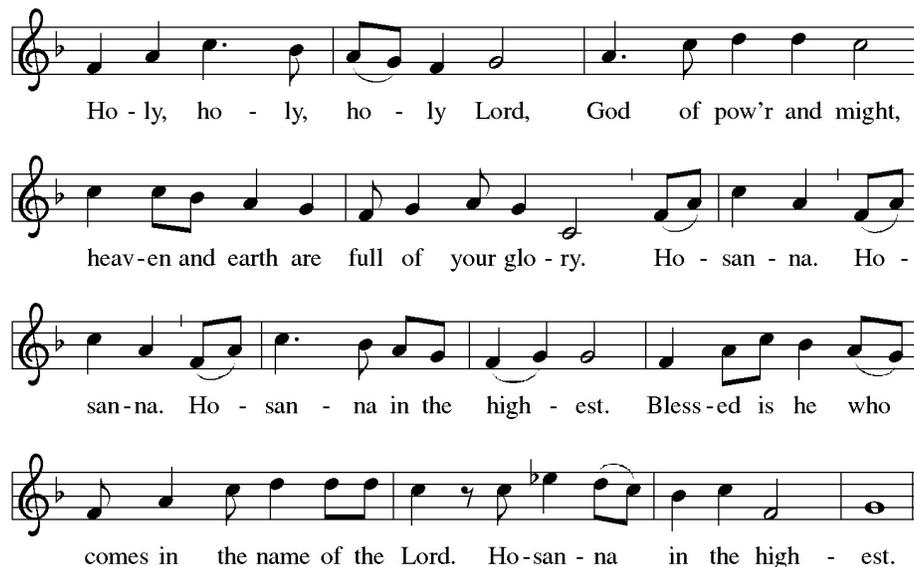
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.
- P** When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
- P** You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

*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.*

- P** Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
- C** Amen.
- P** Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
- C** Amen.
- P** Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
- C** Amen.
- P** O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.



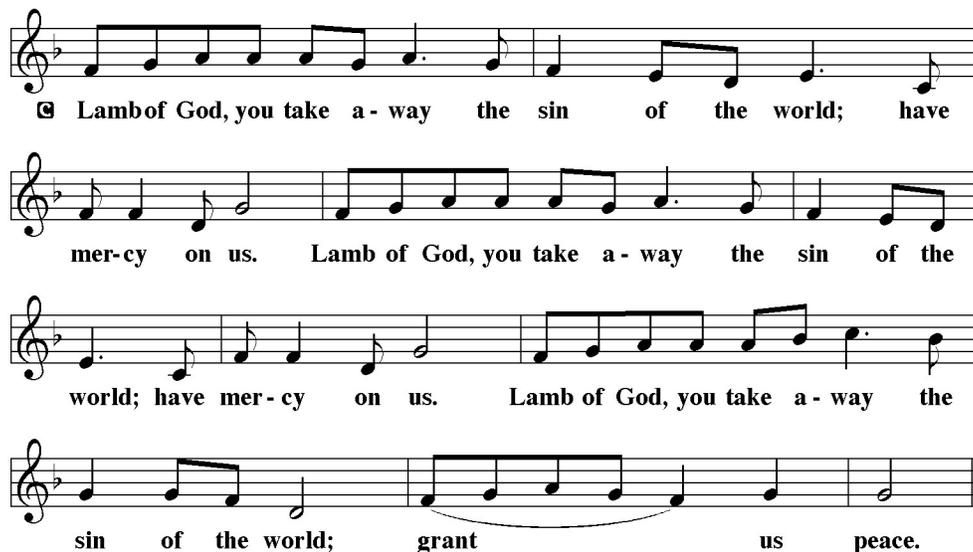
P O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI



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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread

C as once you were known to your disciples.

P 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.*

*This broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody was first published in 1710 as part of a large collection of dances. A noted 20th-century Dutch musicologist republished many of them in London, and this tune was among those which Ralph Vaughan Williams included in *The English Hymnal* (1906).*

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 522

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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ELW 464

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever
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Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

P 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.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray:
Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Stan Rose

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

The author of this hymn text was asked to write an Easter text using the tune for which he had already written a text. The composer was a distinguished musician who worked, taught and composed throughout the United States. The combined text and tune have made this one of the most widely requested hymns in With One Voice.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 377

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



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



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

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

🔊 Alleluia! Christ is risen.

🔊 **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

🔊 Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Alleluia! Alleluia!

🔊 **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE – “In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay” (Choral Prelude)

J. S. Bach

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETER – Pat Young

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

LECTOR – Diane Banks

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Pat Gilbert

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ALTAR GUILD – Loretta Deeds

USHERS – Cathy Beck, Loretta Deeds, Dave Griswold, Elvin Montero



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John D. Mumford III, by mother, Mary, and sister, Elizabeth.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my father, Wayne Heidt, and my sister, Jane Heidt, by Ann Flick.

Thank you to Bill Lasher for sharing his gift of music with us this morning as our organist.

Today’s Events

Enjoy a time of fellowship, coffee and snacks during our coffee hour in the parlor this morning following the 10:30 service. Thank you to our Tuesday Circle for providing our goodies.

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.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

For the week of April 23, you can drop in on Pastor Jay Wednesday (4/26) from 9:00-11:00am at Ember+Forbe (401 State St) OR Thursday (4/27) from 3:00-5:00pm in the office. You may always meet with Pastor Jay by appointment: JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org or by using: calendly.com/TheRevJCM.

Worship

The Prelude brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

Christian Education

Children’s Church classes for PreK – grade 6 will gather for their final class on Sunday, May 21 meeting from 9:30 – 10:15am. We hope to see many smiling faces before we break for the summer.

Vacation Bible School – It's a Family Affair! Four fun evenings are planned for children, youth, and adults for VBS this year. Add to your calendars Wednesdays, May 24, May 31, June 7 and June 14. Our evenings together will be from 5:30-7:00pm and begin with a potluck meal (main dish provided; please bring a dish to share), followed by a Bible message, craft, music and some energetic activities, too. VBS has always been a fun experience for our children and we are excited to make it a Family Affair this year.

Ascension of Our Lord

A **festival service** celebrating the **Ascension of Our Lord** will be held at Luther Memorial on the evening of Thursday, May 18. All of the Erie County ELCA churches will be invited to participate and Bishop Lozano will be preaching. If you would like to sing in the massed choir for this service (*hymns, liturgy, psalm*) please contact Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com). Information will be provided about the music and a single rehearsal to be held just prior to the worship service.

We will also present one of **J.S. Bach's Ascension cantatas** during the service. As in our previous Bach Cantata Vespers, this cantata will be sung in its original German and accompanied by a small orchestra. Much of the cantata is sung by soloists, with the chorus singing the first and last movements. If you would like to receive more information about the music and rehearsals for the cantata, please contact Walt Gaber. Our next rehearsal will be Sunday, May 7 at 12:00 noon.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is ready to hop into spring! Bring those beautiful pastels and join us the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. We look forward to our wonderful mornings together knitting and crocheting on April 25. 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.

Youth

Silent Auction bids will be accepted beginning today and continue through Sunday, May 7. A variety of items will be available in the parlor for your bidding. Bids may be placed throughout the week by

1. Completing a bid form and placing in the labeled box in the parlor or dropping off in the church office
2. Contacting Norma in our church office at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org or 814-454-0106, ext. 221
3. Giving your form to Beth Keller

Be sure to check the bulletin board outside the parlor to see the current high bid for each item.

All proceeds from our Silent Auction will be used for our youth who will be traveling to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024 and to help the church defer costs for our youth attending confirmation camp.

All youth interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024 **and their parents** are asked to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, May 7 at 12:00 noon.

Your Health

Safe in Home services will offer a class in fall prevention on Friday, May 5 from 10:00-11:00am. Learn about the many tools you can use to reduce your risk of falling and injury. This information is not just for seniors. If you assist an elderly relative, would like to be steadier on your feet, join us. Please RSVP to Linda Graffius, RN at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org or 814-454-0106, ext. 229 or to Norma Buerk at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Outreach

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to those in our sister congregation, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, on Thursday, April 27. Prior to Covid, congregations in our Erie Conference provided dinner once a month to approximately 40-50 people. Our volunteers will prepare and serve the meal and clean up following. Sloppy Joes are the suggested main course along with fruit and/or vegetable, bottled water and/or juice and dessert. The meal can be prepared at Luther Memorial and taken to Holy Trinity. Access to Holy Trinity will be at 4:00pm; dinner begins at 5:00pm. For more information, please contact Norma in the church office.

Items to Note

Parking in the lot across from 11th Street is not permitted. Please do not park in this area as your car will be towed. Thank you.

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



CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 24	6:00pm	LMA Legos
TUESDAY, APRIL 25	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26	11:30am	LMA Dismissal
THURSDAY, APRIL 27	4:00pm 6:30pm	Serving Dinner @ Holy Trinity Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, APRIL 28	4:00pm	Memorial Service of Pastor J. David Mumford Dinner following
SATURDAY, APRIL 29		

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Worship with us at 8:15 and 10:30am.

Silent Auction fun continues; stop in the parlor.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Roberta Lobaugh
	10:30am	Pam Masiroff
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeters	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Stan Rose
Counters	10:30am	Jeff Swanson, Pat Young

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Cathy & Don MacGregor
Paul Meucci
Lynnette Gustafson

C. Noelle Partusch
Dave Birkner
Richard Jeffords

Chickie Braine
Torsten Carlson

Mike Daniels
Julie Sturm

Friends and Family:

Dennis & Lori Sander
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie
Mark Smith
Jessica & Damian Ream
Austin Coverdale
Baby Archer Bardwell
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon
Ginger

Elayne Morphy
Mary Correll
Nichole Jones
Elise VanDamia
Kevin
Curtis Krick
Debbie
Barbara Dennison

June Madurski
Judy Skoog
Bob Guenther
Brendan Sauers
Tom Wilson
Tom Braendel
Caitlyn Kessler
Diane Henry

Edie Jackman
Branden Jones
Christine Norris
Meghan Kessler
Dawn Weborg
Susan Brooks
Michele Seifert
Kate Collins

Grief:

J. David Mumford family

Megan Bruno-Osborne

Joan Peters family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner

Andrew Watson

Alli Brown