

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



1 MAY 2022  
The Third Sunday of Easter

*The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 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** – “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Dale Wood, Thomas Gieschen,  
Raymond H. Haan

#### 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.*

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**P** In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

**C** We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

**P** You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.

**C** Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

**P** To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**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!

## GREETING


- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE


*Refrain*



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

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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.”**

*Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]**

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup>He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” [<sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 30 (8:15 am Service) (Sung in alternation.)**



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<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>1</sup>ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried<sup>1</sup> out to you,**  
**and you restored<sup>1</sup> me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down<sup>1</sup> to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you faithful;**  
**give thanks in ho-<sup>1</sup>ly remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor<sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes<sup>1</sup> in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt se-<sup>1</sup>cure, I said,**  
**"I shall never<sup>1</sup> be disturbed.**



<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong <sup>|</sup> as the mountains.”

Then you hid your face, and I was <sup>|</sup> filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>I cried to <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD;

I pleaded with <sup>|</sup> my Lord, saying,

<sup>9</sup>“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down <sup>|</sup> to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or de- <sup>|</sup> clare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mer- <sup>|</sup> cy upon me;

O LORD, <sup>|</sup> be my helper.”

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing <sup>|</sup> into dancing;

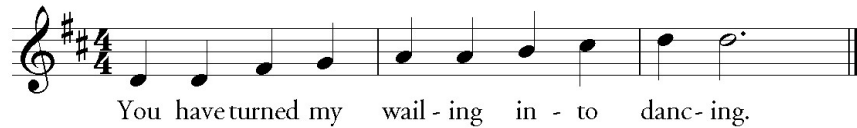
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed <sup>|</sup> me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you <sup>|</sup> without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you <sup>|</sup> thanks forever.

**PSALM: Psalm 30**(10:30 am Service)

**Refrain:** (Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by **R**.)



<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>Sing to the LORD you servants of his;  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. **R**

<sup>5</sup>For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favor for a lifetime.

<sup>6</sup>Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>7</sup>While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed."  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

<sup>8</sup>Then you hid your face,  
and I was filled with fear. **R**

<sup>9</sup>I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

<sup>10</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>11</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."

<sup>12</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. **R**

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne.  
At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."*

## SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

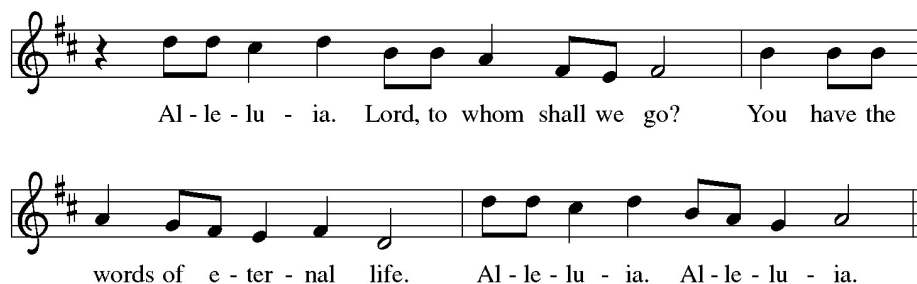
<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

*The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.*

## GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ►

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 🎵 Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Moran

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Text for this hymn was written by Brian Arthur Wren, contemporary hymn writer and ordained minister, native of Britain, retired from and named Pastor Emeritus of Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia. The tune is by an unknown composer, published anonymously in 1789.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 389

### Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



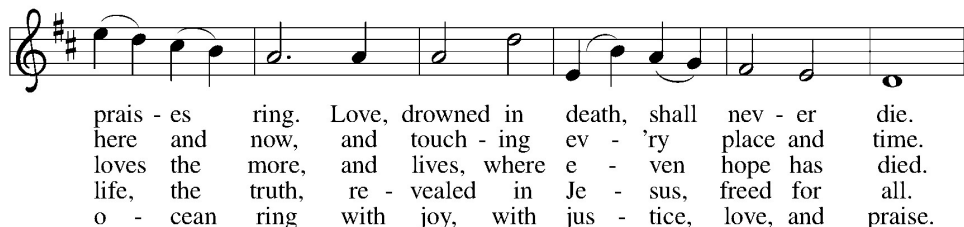
1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and







Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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*Please be seated.*

## RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBER INTO THE MINISTRY OF LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH – 10:30 am Service

- P** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Colleen, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism.

I present Colleen, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Colleen  
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called her to yourself,  
enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished her in the community of faith.

Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C Amen.**

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**R** I renounce them.

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** 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.



**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.

**P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

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?

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

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Colleen and pray for her in her life in Christ?

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

**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

**P** Let us rejoice with our sister Colleen in Christ.

**C** 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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Restore all people who cry to you for help. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.



**A** Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you. Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear 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. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us, especially Sonia Thompson, Frieda Halstenberg, and Eleanore Uglow. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

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

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

*Please be seated.*

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

**ANTHEM – "All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding" (10:30 am Service)**

Herbert Howells;  
arr. Walter L. Pelz

*All the earth with joy is sounding: Christ has risen from the dead!  
He, the greater Jonah, bounding from the grave, His three-day bed.  
Wins the prize: death's demise, songs of triumph fill the skies.  
  
Christ, the devil's might unwinding, leaves behind His borrowed tomb.  
Stronger He, the strong man binding, takes disarms his house of doom:  
In the rout, casting out, powers of darkness, sin and doubt.  
  
Jesus, author of salvation, shared in our humanity:  
Crowned with radiant exaltation, now He shares His victory!  
From His face shines the grace, meant for all our fallen race.  
  
Praise the Lord, His reign commences, reign of life and liberty,  
Paschal Lamb, for our offenses, slain and raised to set us free!  
Evermore bow before Christ, the Lord of Life adore!*

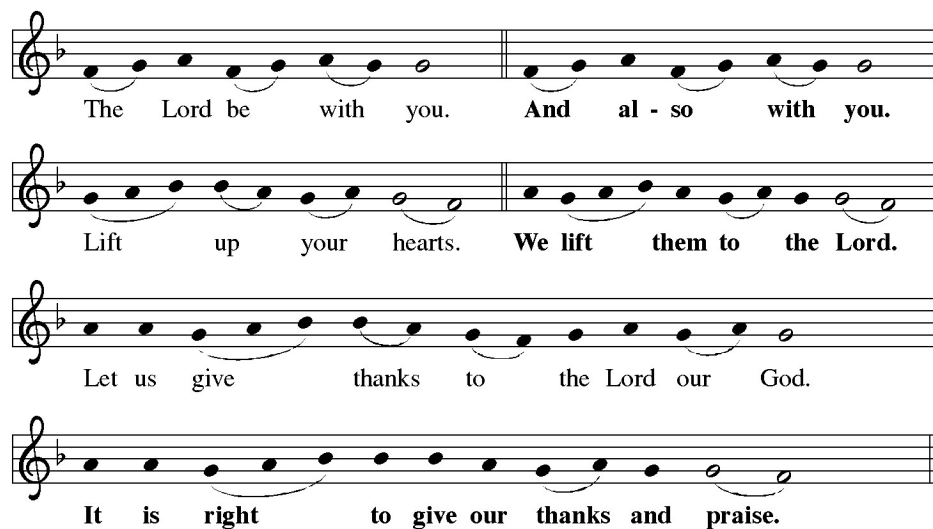
*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

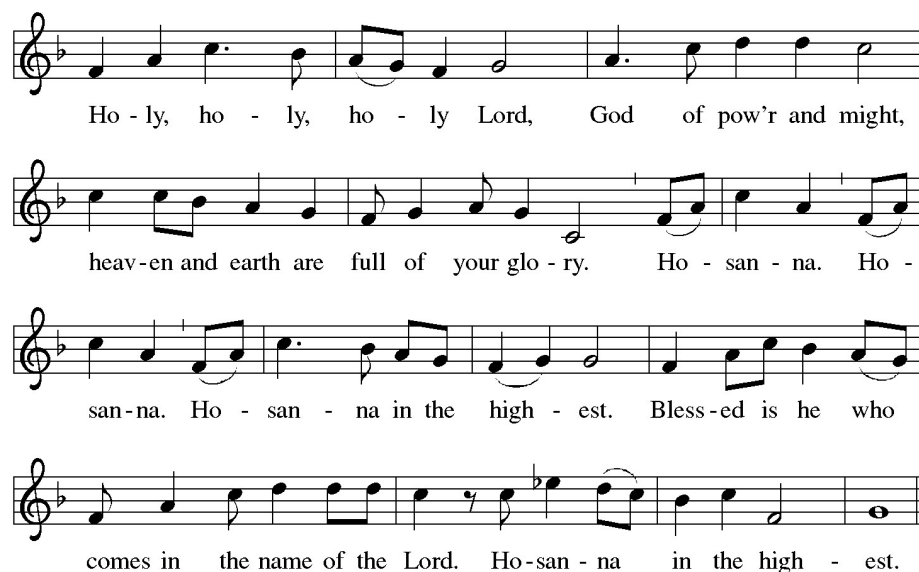
**A** Living God,  
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together  
in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*



**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:



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☞ Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

☛ Amen.



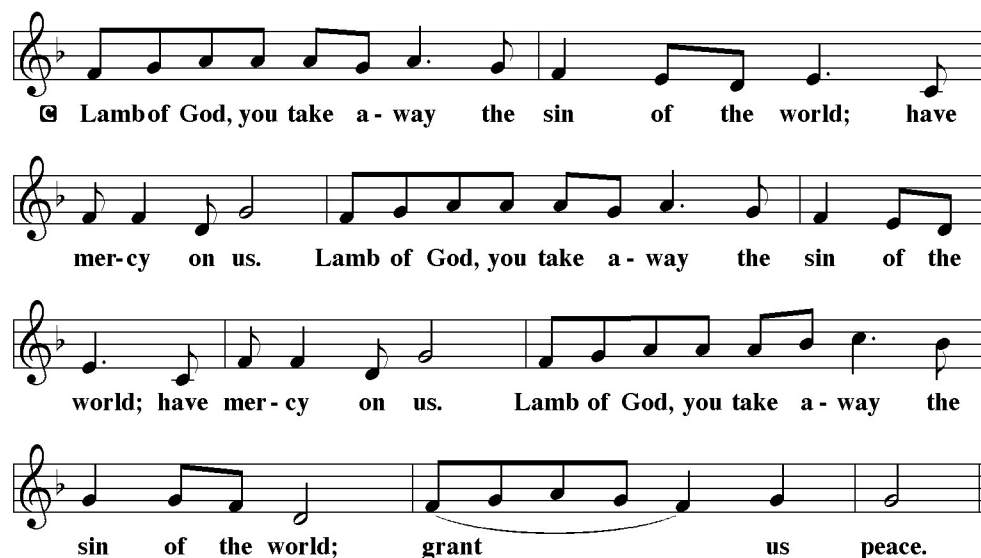
**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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. *Matthew 6:9*

## 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** The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**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.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread.* Lutheran Book of Worship

## COMMUNION

*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.*

*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.*

*In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of the servant church, while the second surveys the many needs and fourth describes the true source of strength for the task. The melody, made up almost entirely of step-wise motion, appeared frequently in later American and British collections.*

### HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION (10:30 am Service)

ELW 729

#### The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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*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** We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**C** Amen.

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

## BLESSING

- P** God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**C** Amen!

*The text for this hymn is taken from the 13 stanzas of a Latin hymn sometimes ascribed to Ambrose of Milan. The tune, associated with Christmas, works well with this Easter text of gentle strength.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 384

### That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to  
sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther  
eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621



## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**A** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** – "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Pastor Brian Moran

*GREETERS* – Vicky Blasco (8:15 am)

Bill Lasher, Liz Stroup, Pat Young (10:30 am)

*ACOLYTES* – Jack & Tessa Bartlett (10:30 am)

*ASSISTING MINISTERS* – Roberta Lobaugh (8:15 am)

C. Noelle Partusch (10:30 am)

*LECTOR* – Linda Melaragno (10:30 am)

*ALTAR GUJILD* – Jane Moran (8:15 am)

Dave Griswold (10:30 am)



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my sisters, Sonia Thompson, Frieda Halstenberg and Eleanor Uglow by Ann Louise Bitzer.

### Today's Events

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

**ReCharge** contemporary worship service will be held today. Enjoy a wonderful evening beginning at 4:00pm with dinner, games and fellowship. Our worship service is held at 5:00pm on the fifth floor, Upper Room. Our monthly outreach projects, "Love Your Neighbor Giving Opportunities", continues with a collection of dog or cat items to care for our pets. You are welcome to donate pet food, treats, bedding, litter, etc.

### Christian Education

**Children's Church classes** are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Our class schedule is as follows:

**Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (May 1)**

Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (May 8)

LYO – third Sunday of the month (May 15)

Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (May 22)

**A celebration** for our First Holy Communion students will be held Wednesday, May 4 at Presque Isle Skating, 3162 West Lake Road. Students and their families are invited to attend from 5:00 – 7:00pm. The skating and pizza party costs will be covered for our Holy Communion students. Skating cost for families and siblings is \$7 each. This will include regular 4 wheeled roller skates. There is an additional charge for in-line skates. Food purchases for families and siblings are available at the skating rink.

### **Prayer Requests**

The Prayer Partners group of Luther Memorial Church, consisting of 13 members, has been faithfully praying for many people for several years. The prayer list consistently has 100+ names on it and this is becoming cumbersome for the bulletin. We understand that it is difficult at times to remove a name off the list, resulting in some names being on the list for as long as 5 years. We don't want to remove their names, unless you inform us. So starting in May we will be splitting the list to a **LONG TERM** list (people who have been on for more than 1 year) and a **SHORT TERM** list (1 year or less). If someone on the short term list needs to be on indefinitely, i.e. for cancer treatment, please let Linda Graffius or Norma (in the church office) know.

- The short term list will be in the bulletin each Sunday;
- The long term list will be available at the welcome table on Sunday mornings;
- If you would like the long term list emailed, please contact Norma;
- The long term list will also be printed in the newsletter quarterly;
- Our military men and women will be listed on the long term list.

We will no longer be emailing or calling for updates as this has become difficult to do with so many people on our list. Therefore, if you have someone on the list and a change needs to be made, **you** need to contact Linda or Norma by email or by phone during our work hours.

We will continue to have the Private List option available. The names on this list are only available to the prayer group and Norma. The Grief list will continue to be in the bulletin each week.

We will closely monitor this for several months to determine if it is working. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Linda or Norma. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Lift your spirits, add some beautiful spring colors to your projects and join us on May 10 and May 24. 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.

### **Supporting our Youth**

**Delicious fundraisers** keep popping up 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 see what's new. Dips from Gourmet Creations and Cookie Cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe are still available.

### **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](http://www.ldr.org) or call 800-638-3522
- Lutheran World Relief at [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at [www.lirs.org](http://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.

### **Luther Memorial Church Policy**

**Masking at Luther Memorial Church** is now 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.

### **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

<b>MONDAY, MAY 2</b>	5:00pm	Select Meeting
	6:00pm	LMA Lego League
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 3</b>	8:45am	LMA Buddies
	12:00pm	Deborah Circle
	3:00pm	W/ELCA
	5:30pm	Call Committee
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 4</b>	7:00pm	Worship & Music Committee
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 5</b>	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	LMA Lego League
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 6</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 7</b>		

### SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Pastor Karen Lundwall** will preach at the 8:15 service in Faith Chapel and 10:30am worship service 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 at 10:30am is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at [www.luthermemorialonline.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> will meet at 9:30am.

**Confirmation class** will gather at 11:30am.

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Dave Griswold
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke

### – BULLETIN PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Arden Fetcko	Mark Howell	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Brent Young
Bill Grande			
Friends and Family:			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Allison & Erik	N. S.	Kevin
Bishop Michael Lozano	Nancy Baker	Judy Skoog	Kathy Kisak
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	William Lemmon	Marie Checkley
Sophia	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Norman Jensen
Brendon Sauers & Carol Stinson	Lesley	Amy & Nate	Donnie Schley
Mike & Paula Lombardozi family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			