

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
RECEPTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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WELCOME!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Together, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

~ Here are a few notes to help you participate in worship today: Almost everything you need is in this bulletin, including hymns. You are invited to participate with the words in **bold type**. You are invited to stand as you are able where indicated. Hymns are included in this bulletin, however if you need larger print, hymns may be found in the back of the red hymnal using the number indicated (#). Please join in singing all the music! Today especially we raise our voices in praise!

~ **You don't need to disconnect here!** You don't need to turn off your phone, but please place it in silent mode. Feel free to take pictures—of our building, of worship, but ask permission for any people-pictures. We ask that you not use flash during this worship service. Post your favorite quote from the sermon or verse from a hymn...just be sure to check in and let your friends know where you are!

~ We welcome all of God's children **no matter your age**. Wiggles, dancing, and singing welcome! Together we raise a joyful noise. If you would like a children's bulletin, a soft toy, or a book, they're near the ramp door (out the doors next to the pulpit on the long Welcome Table).

~ **Restrooms** may be found out either door at the front of the Sanctuary. There is an accessible ramp through the doors near the pulpit. At the top of the ramp(s), follow signs to the restrooms. A fully accessible restroom is available through the parlor.

PRELUDE – “In dir ist Freude” BWV 615

J .S. Bach

Please rise in body or spirit and face the font at the Crossing.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

in there - praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia! Be to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of our ever-living God,
and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister

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

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-1

¹The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
 to give them a garland instead of ashes,
 the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
 the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
 They will be called oaks of righteousness,
 the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:13-17 (*Sung responsively.*)



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¹³Return, O LORD; how long ¹will you tarry?
 Be gracious ¹to your servants.
¹⁴**Satisfy us by your steadfast love ¹in the morning;**
so shall we rejoice and be glad ¹all our days.
¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you af- ¹flicted us
 and as many years as we suf- ¹fered adversity.
¹⁶**Show your ser- ¹vants your works,**
and your splendor ¹to their children.
¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God ¹be upon us;
 prosper the work of our hands; pros- ¹per our handiwork.

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹Then 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, ¹²singing 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!” ¹³Then 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!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel. You are invited to turn to face the Gospel as the Word is brought into our midst.

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.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon 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. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He 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. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But 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. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So 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. ¹²Jesus 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. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time Jesus said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because Jesus said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to Jesus, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸Very 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." ¹⁹(Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.) After this Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

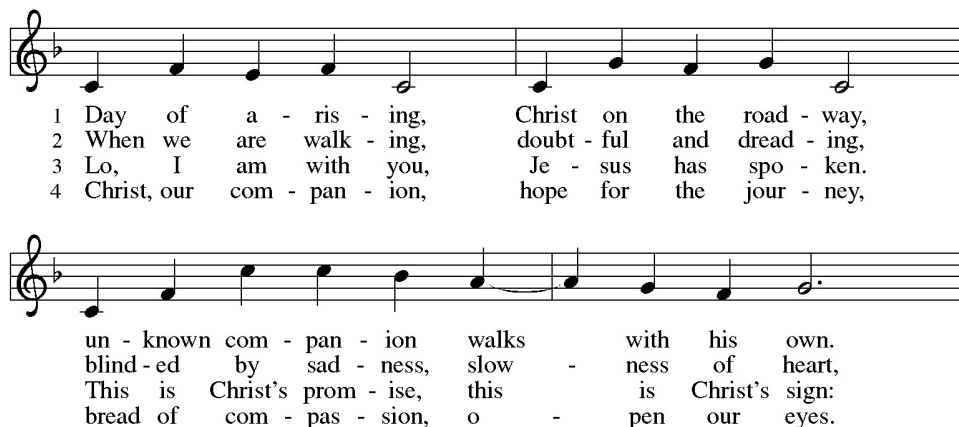
Pastor Jay

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 374

Day of Arising



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.

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NICENE CREED

Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith of the Church:

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,
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.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care particularly those whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You make yourself known around this Table in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup, you call us to become what we receive: your Risen Body for the life of the world. We give you thanks for Delaney, Elijah, Mason and Samantha who today join us at this Table. Bless them as they continue to live in your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all who minister at your altars, Holy One, in particular Francis, Bishop of Rome. Receive him into your loving embrace and grant him rest from his labors as a shepherd among your flock. Comfort those who mourn and give strength to our Roman Catholic siblings in these days. Raise up among them a leader who is full of your compassion. Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places especially Monica, Helen and Dee. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.

ANTHEM – “Sing Alleluia, Sing”

Besig/Price

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

OFFERING HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA

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 him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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

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.

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.

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.*

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

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.

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.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

as once you were known to your disciples.

Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Our First Communion recipients will receive first with their families. Please wait until after they have received and Pastor Jay has indicated everyone else to join in Communion to stand and come forward following the instructions below.



*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is, himself, present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. 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.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 482

I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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We Who Once Were Dead



- 1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver-flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

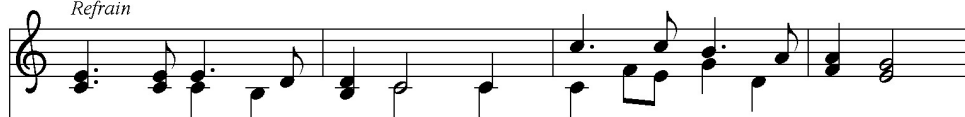
5 Jesus, you were dead,
 but you rose and, living,
 made yourself our bread,
 in your goodness giving
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;
 in this meal we meet you.
 Be our bread and wine,
 Jesus, we entreat you.
 This shall be our sign.

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Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain



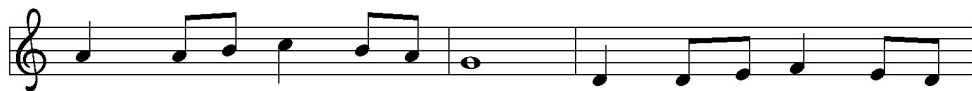
Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briel, b. 1952
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that the Meal we have shared here may be extended for our siblings who are not here.

We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen!

SENDING HYMN

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On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – “Postlude”

N. Rawsthorne

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Linda Graffius

LECTOR – Karen Lundwall

USHERS – Cathy Beck, Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my mother, Helen Roth, by her daughter, Donna Sedelmyer.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Dolores (Dee) Lasher who died Thursday, April 30. Her service was held Wednesday, April 30 at Luther Memorial Church.

Today's Events

Our young people who will partake of their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 service this morning are:

DELANEY MARY MARNEN
MASON JAY SNIDER

ELIJAH JAMES MONTROY
SAMANTHA CLAIRE STELMACK

Please join us in the parlor following the 10:30 service for a reception honoring our students.

Get your car washed this morning following services; 9:30 and 11:30am. Just pull around to the 11th Street entrance and our youth will get rid of that winter dirt and grime. A car wash will also be held Sunday, May 18 and Sunday, June 1.

Worship Matters!

Easter Brunch. That's the story we share every year on the Third Sunday of Easter. The gospel stories of the Easter Season follow a pattern every year: The Day of Resurrection, *Still* the Day of Resurrection (Doubting Thomas), *Still Still* the Day of Resurrection (a Meal with Jesus), an excerpt from the Good Shepherd discourse, and then three weeks from the Final Discourse of Jesus (A lot of "I Am" statements and circular imagery).

Here at Luther, because every year on the Third Sunday of Easter we share a story of a meal with the Risen Jesus, we also celebrate with some of our members their first reception of Holy Communion. As much as our Eucharistic Prayer (the prayer Pastor Jay prays at the Table) mentions "the night in which he was betrayed," when we share in Holy Communion we are sharing more so in the meals that the disciples have with the Risen Jesus. When we gather it is at the invitation of Jesus and, like the disciples on the Road of Emmaus, we are invited to recognize the Risen Christ present among us in the broken bread and shared cup of the Sacrament. We rejoice every time we gather around staple food and festive drink because Christ is present among us. Christ bids us come and dine, and shows us again just how much we are loved: Christ gives us himself as sustenance and nourishment in our journey of faith. Thanks be to God for that, and for those whom Jesus beckons for the first time this morning!

Christian Education

Sunday School class for PreKdg.-Grade 5 will be held at 9:30am May 18. This will be our last gathering until September.

Youth & Family

Flea Markets will be held in our parking area (rain or shine) the third Saturday of the month beginning May 17 and continue through September 20. Set-up begins at 8:00am with shopping held from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Cost of a parking space is \$10 so load your car with unwanted treasures and come on down to park and sell. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski for more information.

Join us for our Summer Kick-off event at the Bocce Courts at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1626 West 26th Street, on Sunday, May 18 from 2:00-4:00pm. We're looking forward to fun events throughout the summer! Please bring a snack to share; beverages will be provided.

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, May 13 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

Faith Formation

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, meets the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be Monday, May 12 as we will begin the book *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith* by Heidi Neumark. Pastor Neumark will be joining us via Zoom for our gathering. The book may be purchased at local bookstores and on Amazon.

B.A.D. (*Bible After Dark*) will gather again on May 7 at Calamari's at 6:30pm and continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book **Context** by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

Opportunities for Fellowship

CampBlast will be held at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pa, on Saturday, May 10 from 11:00am – 4:30pm. Rain or shine, this is a day of fun for the entire family; archery, gaga ball, zipline, crafts, hiking, hay rides, kayaking, and so much more. The entire day is free. What a wonderful way to spend your day!

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; May 13 and May 27. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Items to Note

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

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Ron King
Ann Flick	Pat Gilbert	Lois Fobes	Bea Leemhuis
Mary Daniels			
Friends and Family:			
Grant, Alina, Charlie Jane McGrail	Jenn	Mary Lou	Bev
Steve Sensor	Phil F.	Andrew Wachter	Dale Dannhaus
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Janine Frank	Casey Smith	Cheryl Atkinson
Michael & Paula Lombardozzi	Teddy & Rebecca	Jessica Reams	Sullivan
Henderson family	Joey & family	Irene McCullough	Sandy M.
Laura L.	Beth Sedelmyer	Mary Beth	
Grief:			
Dee Lasher family	Clem Warrick family	Irene McCullough family	
Sharon Rositer (McGhee) family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

Readings and Commemoration This Week

May 4 – Monica, mother of Augustine, 387 – Sirach 26:1-4, 16-21; Psalm 115:12-18; Luke 7:11-17 -- *Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.*

May 5 – Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31

May 6 – Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18

May 7 – Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

May 8 – Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, 1416 – Psalm 27:5-11; Hebrews 10:19-24; John 4:23-26 -- *When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.*

May 9 – Nicolaus Ludwig con Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, 1760 – Jeremiah 4:1-10; Psalm 46; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Mark 10:35-45 -- *When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.*

May 10 – Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, MAY 5	11:30am	Pizza with the Pastor & Principal
TUESDAY, MAY 6	12:00pm 6:00pm	W/ELCA General Meeting Shepard Committee
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7	6:30pm	Bible After Dark (Calamari's)
THURSDAY, MAY 8	5:30pm 6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, MAY 9	9:00am	Mother's Day Tea (LMA Grade 1)
SATURDAY, MAY 10		

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistants (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Mike Hedlund
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Linda Graffius, Carl Moore