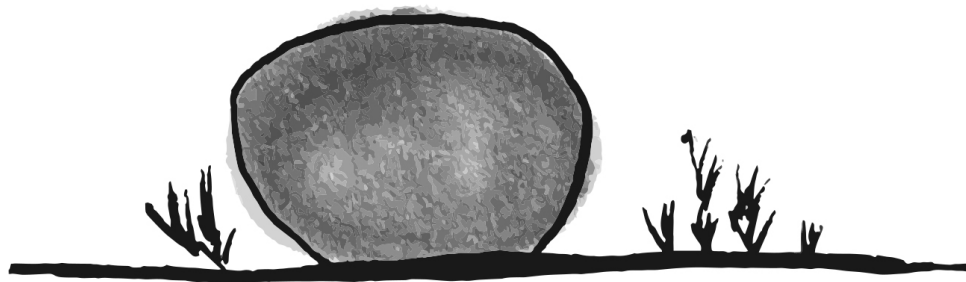


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



**27 AUGUST 2023**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:30 am**

*Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 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** – “How Firm a Foundation”

Variations on “How Firm a Foundation”

Variations on “Built on a Rock the Church Shall Stand”

arr. John Carter

Joseph M. Martin

Curt Oliver

### 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.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ In the name of God who is Holy, + Mighty, and Immortal.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ▶

**P** Most Merciful God,  
**C** We confess that we are captive to sin  
 and cannot free ourselves.  
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;  
 by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us.  
 Forgive us.  
 Renew us.  
 And lead us.  
 That we may delight in your will  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Holy Name.  
 Amen.

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us; and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-40) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19<sup>th</sup>-century American composer and editor.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**ELW 596**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



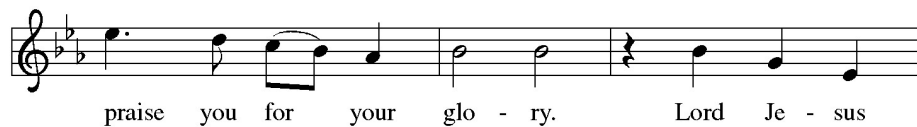
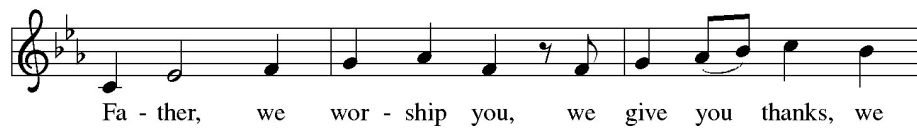
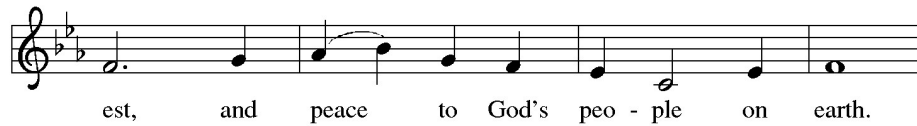
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-  
 est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

*The brave Hebrew midwives defied Pharaoh to save many infants from death. When the mother of Moses placed him in a basket in the Nile, the daughter of Pharaoh found him, adopted him, and raised him. Moses’ sister and mother also played crucial roles in this drama.*

## FIRST READING: Exodus 1:8-2:10

<sup>8</sup>Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup>The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. The Egyptians were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. <sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup>“When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” <sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup>So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?” <sup>19</sup>The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” <sup>20</sup>So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup>And because the midwives feared God, God gave them families. <sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.” <sup>2:1</sup>Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The ►

woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

☐ Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 124

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



We have es-caped like a bird from the snare of the fowl - er.

- <sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;
- <sup>2</sup> if the Lord had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us,
- <sup>3</sup> then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- <sup>4</sup> then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over us;
- <sup>5</sup> then would the raging waters  
have gone right over us.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord  
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. **R**
- <sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- <sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

*In response to God’s merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives.  
Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed  
by the Spirit’s renewing work. God’s grace empowers different forms of service among Christians,  
but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

### SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, my dear family, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many parts and not all the parts have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are parts one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; ►

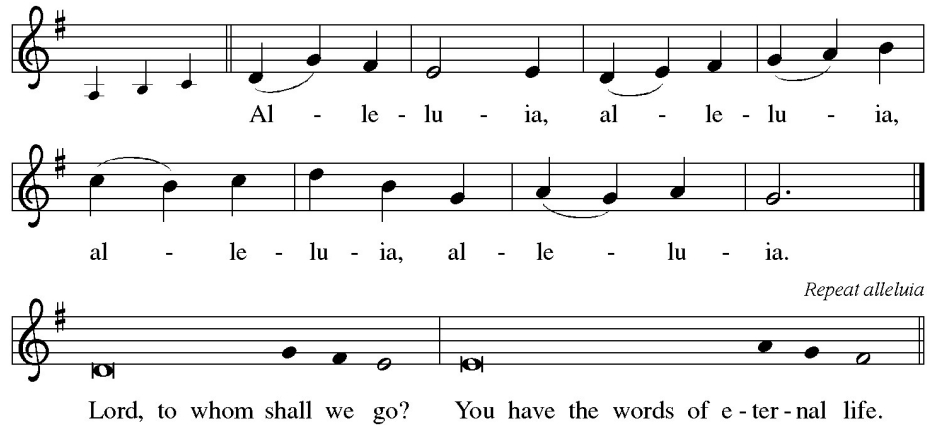
the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

☐ Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

### GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son-of-Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able.*

Sometimes the prolific hymn writer Fanny Crosby wrote texts for others to set to music, and sometimes she wrote words for tunes others had composed. This hymn is the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 638

Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.



## THE PRAYERS

**A** Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. We pray for Abbie, Winnie, Shirley, Ann, Lois, Brian, Lisa, Jean, Cindy, Ian, Carol, John, Roger, Branden, Howie, John, Bertil, Karen, Allison, Audree, Melissa, Susan, Meghan, Michael, Mary, Dean, Bonnie, Matt, Michael, Andrew, Alli, Ben, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize Pastor Jay, Walt, and all our leaders, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** You are the source of all wisdom. Bless Luther Memorial Academy and all schools who start their academic year this week. Give wisdom, patience, and creativity to all teachers. Provide perseverance and joy for all who learn. Together may teachers and students grow in their understanding of one another, of your creation, and of you in the year ahead. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed, especially Helen and Ralph Walter, Sr. and Marie and Ange Collins. Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be 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*

**HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – “A Joyful Carillon”**

Michael Bedford

*(LM Summer Handbell Choir)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

**ELW 881**

**Let All Things Now Living**

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
 you are the giver of all good things.  
 Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
 and multiply your graciousness in us,  
 that the world may be fed with your love,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

**P** We lift our hearts and give our thanks and praise to you, God of our forebears, because you brought order out of chaos, you called a people to be your own, and in Moses you saw the misery of your people and heard their cries. In Elijah and the prophets you pleaded with your people to be true to their identity as your chosen ones, and finally in Jesus you came down to deliver us from sin and death and oppression through the obedience of the cross and the glory of the resurrection. And so we gladly thank you, joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven to sing the hymn of your unending praise:

## SANCTUS

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** We thank and praise you, Holy One, because in the power of the Holy Spirit you give us everything we need to follow you—gifts of prophecy, ministry, exhortation, generosity, leadership, and compassion. Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now, that we may be not conformed to your world but transformed by your renewing grace. Give us your very self in these gifts of bread and cup and make them for us the body and blood of your beloved Jesus; who, ▶

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

*In the same way 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.*

☐ Great is the mystery of faith:

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ God of deliverance, you open up the gift of your scripture to reveal who you are and who we are. Through the gift of your holy communion, bring your whole creation into the form of your likeness. Have mercy on those who are oppressed, be close to all who live under hostile regimes, and hear the cries of all whose children are in constant danger. Make us a subversive people who incubate your exodus and practice divine disobedience, until the day comes when all the world praises your name and is filled with your justice and peace. We pray in union with Christ in the power of the Spirit, God with you forever and ever.

☑ **Amen.**

## OUR SAVIOR'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.**

## AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- ☐ All people are called to Christ’s table.  
Come, eat and drink what is good.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: 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.*

*It seems odd now to think of singing this text to the tune of O Come, All Ye Faithful,  
 but mainline churches did so well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century because of cultural bias against  
 the shape-note music in which the original tune was written.*

**HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

**How Firm a Foundation**

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 “When through fi - ’ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

*Martin Luther's theology of holy communion is taught simply and profoundly in this hymn, one of the earliest hymns of the Reformation. Luther's text was inspired by an earlier hymn by Jan Hus, an early reformer and leader in the movement that would become the Moravian Church. Singing theology is an important part of the Lutheran tradition. It has a unique ability to form and strengthen a body of believers. Assemblies sing centuries-old music like this not because older things somehow have more intrinsic value, but because they have something profound to teach us. The communion of saints sings to us through these hymns as we join in "thankful labor" as Christ's body in the world.*

ACS 963

## Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior,  
 2 Christ says, "Come, that you may ev - er  
 3 This be - lieve with faith un - shak - en:  
 4 Christ says, "Come to me, you wea - ry;  
 5 Nour - ished, go to thank - ful la - bor,

took our sin a - way for - ev - er,  
 here re - mem - ber God's great fa - vor.  
 Je - sus' meal is to be ta - ken  
 all your bur - dens I will car - ry.  
 bear - ing fruit in love for neigh - bor.

bear - ing bit - ter grief and pain,  
 Take this bread, my bod - y; dine.  
 by all those with hearts dis - tressed,  
 There is noth - ing you can do  
 Those you serve can taste from you



free - dom from death for us to gain.  
 My blood I give for you in wine.”  
 by all who yearn for peace and rest.  
 to earn this mer - cy; take it new.”  
 what won - ders God in love will do.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, after Jan Hus, c. 1369–1415; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, and Paul Westermeyer, b. 1940  
 Music: JESUS CHRISTUS, UNSER HEILAND, Hohenfurt, 1410; *Enrichidion*, Erfurt, 1524  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ 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.
- ☑ Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 881

### Let All Things Now Living



2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: “To



God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!”

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
 Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

**P** The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
‡ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

**C** Amen.

*Text for this hymn is taken from a 9-verse Latin hymn dating from around the 7<sup>th</sup> century, and regularly included in medieval rites for the dedication of a church. The translation, by one of the church's distinguished hymn writers, is altered for inclusion in the ELW.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 645

### Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and







help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – “On Christ, the Solid Rock, I Stand”

arr. Bill Wolaver

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*GREETER* – Stan Rose

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Emma Chaffee

*LECTORS* – John, Jack & Tessa Bartlett

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Mary Daniels

*ALTAR GUILD* – Pam Masiroff

*USHERS* – Linda Graffius, Martha & Tom Klomp, Betty Pletz



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Helen and Ralph Walter, Sr. and Marie and Ange Collins by Helen and Robert Collins and family.

### Today's Events

**Blessing** of the Backpacks, our school-bound students and teachers will be offered during worship services this morning. We would like to send you off with lots of prayer and many blessings. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year.

**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.

### Worship

**Worship Leader Information Sessions** are offered Sunday after each worship service. Brochures explaining the worship opportunities are located at the hospitality tables and in the church office. See the brochure for the sessions you might be interested in. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged to ensure you are up-to-date on our shared worship practices. We will also be making a rotation for scheduling purposes from those in attendance.

*This morning after worship, those who are currently serving as and are interested in **ACOLYTING** in our services will meet. Please meet Pastor Jay in the front two rows of Faith Chapel after the Postlude. Following the 10:30 service we will gather in the main church.*

**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.

### Where Is Pastor Jay?

**Pastor Jay** would love to meet with you! You don't just need to have an emergency to have a great chat. If you want to get together, because Pastor Jay is often away from his desk doing other pastorly things, you should probably call the church office or e-mail Pastor Jay directly at [JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org](mailto:JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org). However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of August 27, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Monday from 9-10:30am at Pressed Coffee Shop (8<sup>th</sup> and Greengarden) OR Wednesday from 4-5:30 in the office.

### Music Ministry

The **autumn music season at Luther Memorial** is fast approaching. Choir rehearsals began on Thursday, August 24 at 6:30pm on the (*air-conditioned*) 5th floor. We welcome new singers especially since we have not fully recovered from the interruption to group singing caused by the pandemic.

A small handbell choir has been rehearsing throughout the summer and will play this morning at the 10:30 service. Rehearsals for the full handbell ensemble will resume Thursday, August 31 at 5:30pm in the balcony of the main church. We hope to regularly ring our full 5-octave set of handbells and we always welcome new ringers.

Please contact Walt Gaber ([WaltGaber@gmail.com](mailto:WaltGaber@gmail.com) or 814.602.2755) with your questions and/or interest so that we can plan to include you in our music making and fellowship this fall.

### Stump the Pastor

**You will notice** a stand in the parlor lobby with many tree stumps on it. You (whoever you are of all ages) are invited to use these to try and stump Pastor Jay. You may ask your question anonymously or you can put your name on the stump. Either way, look for Pastor Jay's response once your stump "sprouts" a tree!

### Opportunities for Fellowship

**OWLS** next fun event will be held Tuesday, September 19 from 11:00am-1:00pm in our parlor. Have some fun and laughter playing cards and games. Join us for a nice relaxing time and delicious lunch. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, September 15.

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** gathers in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll be meeting and visiting on September 12 and 26 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a wonderful morning and hope to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

### Worship Space

**St. Zita's Day!** **All are asked** to lend a hand for any time you can share to help with our Cleaning Day on Saturday, September 30 beginning at 9:00am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Carpets and floors have been cleaned, painting has been done, and now those cleaning touch ups are needed. Please join us. You are welcome to contact the church office or Les Fobes with any questions. Thank you.

### Paving Project

**Parking** has improved dramatically with the addition and improvements made over the last few weeks. We continue to ask for your financial support as our Capital Campaign moves forward. Additional commitments are needed as we look to fulfilling our financial goal. Your help and all that you do at Luther Memorial is appreciated; thank you.

### Look What's Coming

**B.A.D. (Bible After Dark)** will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm at the Brewerie. Join together with folks from Mt. Calvary as we share in Bible Study and fellowship (with some adult beverages if you would like). Every **first** Wednesday, we will gather to share from *Bible Stories for Adults* and discussion of what these stories we learned in Sunday School still mean for us today. RSVP is not necessary but helpful. Let Pastor Jay or the church office know if you're interested.

**ALT Worship** (*A Lutheran Table*) will be offered on the **second** Wednesday of every month beginning September 13 at 5:30pm for a new worship experience. The service will be about 60 minutes and center around sharing a meal. We will begin by preparing the meal and the worship space together and end with dessert and clean-up. All part of the worship experience. We will also share in Communion. Come on out for something new and a unique encounter with the Divine!

**Indoor Yard Sale** will be held Saturday, September 9 from 8:00am – 1:00pm in our fellowship hall. Items for the sale may be dropped off through September 8. Books, TV's or large electronic items and soft furniture will not be accepted. C'mon down and catch the great deals! Proceeds will benefit our youth traveling to the National Youth Gathering in July 2024.

**Cash Bingo** date has changed to Sunday, November 5. Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo beginning at 12:30pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$20 each and available on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

**The month of October** promises to be lots of fun with our Family Scavenger Hunt on Sunday October 1 and Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 22. There's always something happening at Luther Memorial!

### **Items to Note**

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

**In case of an emergency** and unable to reach Pastor Jay, 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.

### **WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS**

**August 28 – Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430; Moses the Black, monk, martyr, c. 400** -- Hebrews 12:22–29; Psalm 87; John 14:5–15 -- *Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria. Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.*

**August 29 – John the Baptist, martyr** -- 2 Corinthians 4:5–11; Psalm 71:1–7; Matthew 14:1–12

**August 30** – Psalm 8; Exodus 2:15b-22; Matthew 26:6-13

**August 31** – Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 2:23-24; Ephesians 5:1-6

**September 1** – Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 3:16-25; II Thessalonians 2:7-12

**September 2 – Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the Church, 1872** -- Psalm 86:1-12; Proverbs 3:1-2, 5-8; Romans 5:1-5; Matthew 8:5-10 -- *Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.*

## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**

LMA First Day of School

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

Newsletter Mailing

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

5:30pm

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**  
**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Liz Stroup
Communion Assistant	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Emma Chaffee
Counters	10:30am	Jeff Swanson, Pat Young

### — PRAYER LIST —

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Winnie Lyons	Shirley Brown	Ann Flick
Lois Fobes			
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Brian & Lisa Davis	Jean C.	Cindy Hessinger	Ian Minner
Carol E.	John Semonis	Roger Smith	Branden Jones
Howie	John Varner	Bertil Carlson	Karen Chilcote
Allison, Audree & family	Melissa Pierce	Susan Brooks	Meghan Kessler
Michael Collins & Mary	Dean Scalise	Bonnie Ford	
<b>Grief</b>			
Barbara Braley family			
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			