

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



4 SEPTEMBER 2022
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 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 – "Lift High the Cross"

arr. Donald Busarow, Carolyn Hamlin

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P God of mercy and forgiveness,
C we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
 We have harmed your good creation.
 We have failed to do justice,
 love kindness,
 and walk humbly with you.
 Turn us in a new direction.
 Show us the path that leads to life.
 Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
 Amen.

P Beloved of God:
 your sins are forgiven \mp and you are made whole.
 God points the way to new life in Christ,
 who meets us on the road.
 Journey now in God's abiding love
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*This triumphal hymn dates from a 1916 hymnal published in England.
 It is frequently used as an entrance hymn, as both text and music are well-suited to processions.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 660

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!


Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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GREETING


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.


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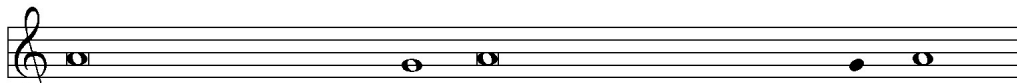
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



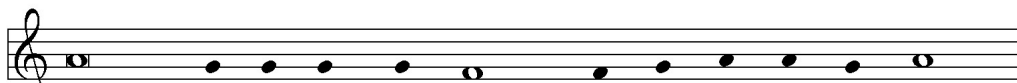
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors.

In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

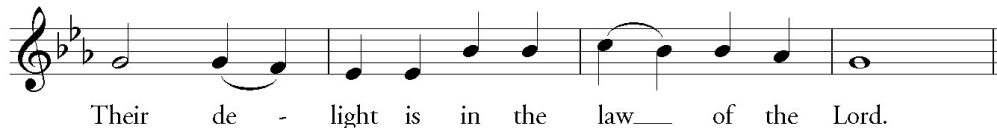
FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 1 (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper. **R**

⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R**

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, ►

intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza.

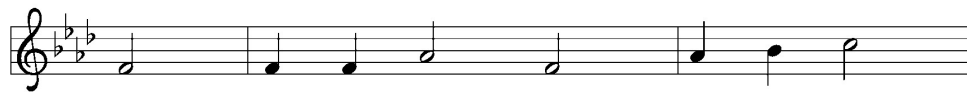
HYMN OF THE DAY

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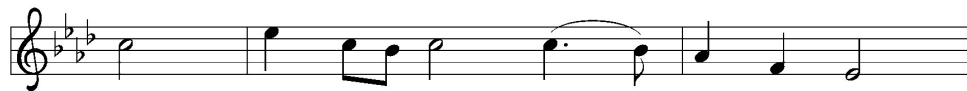
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1 “Take up your cross,” the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



“if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
 Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

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 *1 Timothy 2:1*

A As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams, rivers, lakes and oceans. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,

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 of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.



A We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**
You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

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

ANTHEM – “Take Up Your Cross”

arr. Hal H. Hopson

*“Take up your cross,” the Savior said, “If you would my disciple be;
Deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow me.”*

*Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
God's strength will bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and gird your arm.*

*Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your foolish pride rebel;
The Lord for you the cross endured, to save your soul from death and hell.*

*Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 884

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

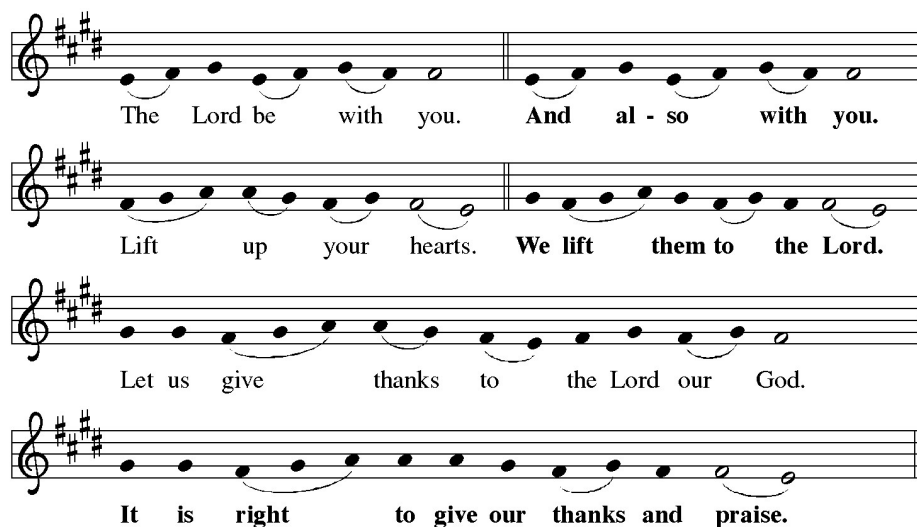
Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

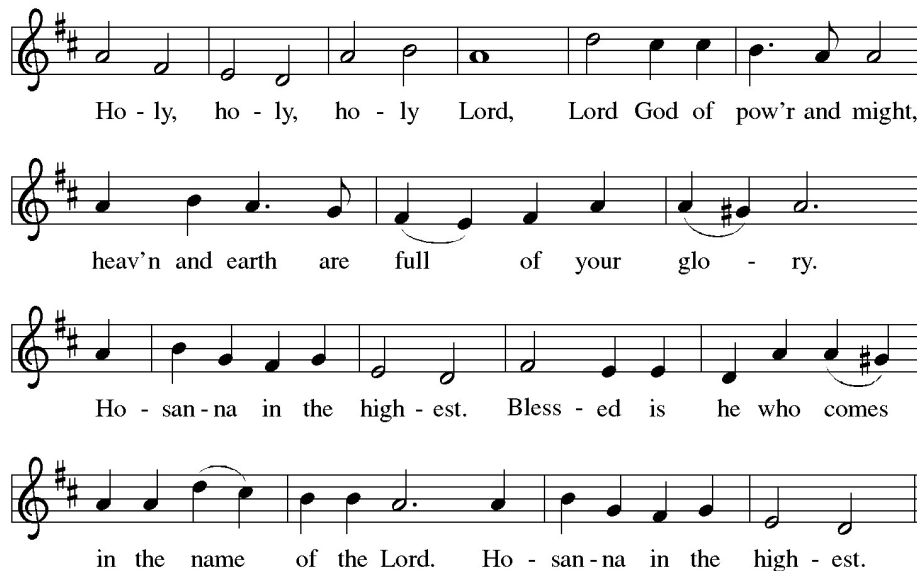
C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

C Amen.

P 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

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

P Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

C Amen.

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

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Psalm 139 is one of the most personal of all the psalms. In this setting we can sense this intimacy: the text and tune writer are the same person. British Roman Catholic composer Bernadette Farrell draws inspiration from the English choral tradition as well as the melodic roots of British folk song.

While not a complete rendering of the psalm text, it is remarkably close to its content.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ACS 1082

O God, You Search Me



1 O God, you search me and you know me.
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
you have known its mean - ing through and through.
still I search for shel - ter from your light.
gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.





When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME, Bernadette Farrell
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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** God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING

- P** God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
C Amen.

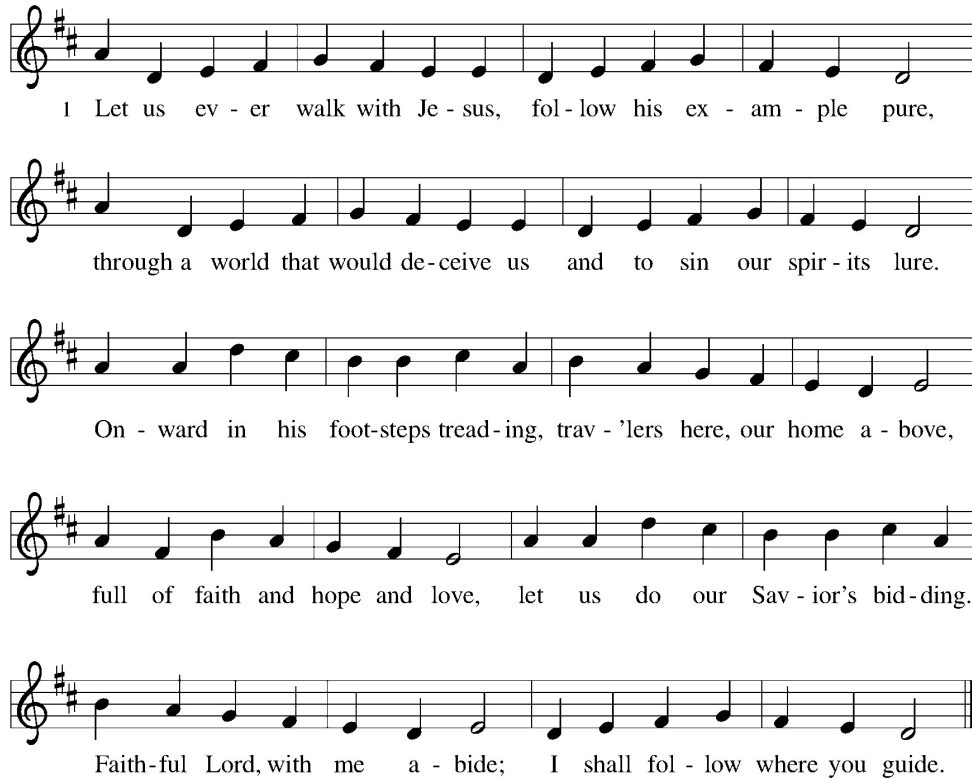


This hymn text was written by a native of Bohemia who was forced to move to Germany with his family in the 17th century, where he became a distinguished poet. Little is known about the composer of the tune except that he was cantor and school teacher at Potsdam in 1750.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 802

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



I Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Postlude in F Major, Op. 28, No. 7"

Christian Cappelen

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Brian Moran
GREETERS – Mary Daniels, Ann Flick
ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer
ASSISTING MINISTER – Dave Griswold
LECTOR – Linda Graffius
USHERS – Ann Flick, Pat Gilbert, Martha & Tom Klomp,
ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of M. J. Howell by Mark and Joyce Howell.

Welcome to our Visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! If you have any questions about our congregation or its ministries, please call the church office at 814-454-0106. We are glad to help you in any way we can. Please worship with us again soon!

Worship

Acolyte Training will be offered on Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 and 11:30am in the main church. Both times are being offered to make it convenient for families. Youth participation makes our worship services very meaningful. Please encourage your child to help serve the Lord and share their gifts within this community.

Christian Education

Confirmation classes for our 10th grade youth will begin on Sunday, September 18 and meet each Sunday at 11:30am through October 23. Our 10th grade youth will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Lunch will be provided each week.

Music Ministry

The Luther Memorial Choirs (*handbell & vocal*) have resumed rehearsals and gather on Thursdays at 6:00pm for handbells and 7:00pm for choir. We continue to wear masks when we are gathered together for rehearsal and worship. Both rehearsals are held on the air-conditioned 5th floor. Handbells require a commitment of at least through Christmas as each ringer is assigned a part and continuity is important. However, if you read music and would like to fill in on short notice, we are often in need of substitutes. The vocal choir can accommodate those who would prefer a shorter time commitment. If your schedule changes throughout the seasons, consider singing with us for 6-8 weeks during the seasons of Autumn, Advent & Christmas, Lent or Easter. Please contact Cantor Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com or 814.602.2755) for more information and to express your interest in participating.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Kid Bingo with the Family will kick off the autumn season on Sunday, September 11. Join us in fellowship hall from 12:00 – 1:30pm for Bingo and some fun prizes.

Circle meetings will be held September 6 in the parlor. Deborah Circle will meet at 12:00 noon and the Tuesday Circle will gather at 3:00pm.

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. The autumn season is time to bring out those warmer colors so bring your creativity, yarn and knitting or crochet needles and join us September 13 and 27. If you'd like to stop by to chat and visit, we'd love to see you. 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.

OWLS will gather on Wednesday, September 14 from 11:30am-1:30pm for a program presented by Dr. Chris and Julia Strzalka on JULIA HOUSE. They will share information on the Julia Hospice House, a new healthcare provider in Erie County that would bring improved care services for those in the community living with serious illness. Lunch will be provided following the program. Please RSVP to Norma in the church office by Friday, September 9.

God's Work. Our Hands.

The Erie Lutheran Parish will come together on Saturday, September 17 for a God's Work, Our Hands event. In recognition of International Coastal Cleanup Day we will meet at Shade's Beach, 7000 E. Lake Road, Harborcreek, to do a bit of sprucing up. Bring yourself and your love for our lakeshore and join us at 9:00am. All supplies will be provided.

Outreach Opportunities

The Holy Trinity food ministries will resume the regular schedule of Tuesday evening dinner, and Wednesday and Saturday lunches, beginning September 6.

Holy Trinity is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve these meals each week, as well as a person(s) to act as coordinators/leaders for the different days.

The Tuesday cooking team begins preparing the food between 2:00 and 3:00pm each week depending on the menu, with dinner being served from 5:10 until 5:45pm, followed by after dinner clean-up.

The Wednesday and Saturday cooking team begins preparing the food at 10:30am each day, with lunch being served from noon until 12:30pm, followed by after lunch clean-up.

The Food Pantry distributes food bags each week beginning at 6:00pm following the Tuesday evening dinners. Food is delivered on Tuesdays from 2nd Harvest Food Bank, sorted, organized and prepared beginning at 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize the food and assemble/distribute the food bags, along with persons to sit at a table and sign-in/register those seeking food from the Food Bank.

If you are willing to volunteer your valuable talents to any of these ministries please contact the church office at (814) 452-3518 or email: holytrinityerie@yahoo.com.

CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 25 at Presque Isle, Beach 1. Registration begins at 1:00pm with the Walk beginning at 2:00pm. Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow! Stop by the church office for your packet, get a few sponsors, and you're on your way to making a difference in our community.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. However, with the significant rise of covid cases in Erie County, we encourage you to wear a mask during worship. 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.



**Luther Memorial Church and
Luther Memorial Academy Festival
Sunday, September 11, 2022**

3:30 – 5:00 pm Festival

5:00 – 6:00 pm ReCharge Contemporary Worship

**Picnic Supper with hotdogs, baked beans, chips, beverage.
You are welcome to bring a dish to share if you wish.**

Face Painting



**JOIN THE FUN!
Rain or Shine!**

Carnival Games

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Puppet Show



CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 Church & School Offices Closed
Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 12:00pm Deborah Circle
 3:00pm W/ELCA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 6:00pm LMA Legos

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor Karen Lundwall will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

Kid Bingo (for the entire family) will be held from 12:00 noon – 1:30pm in fellowship hall.

Luther Memorial & Luther Memorial Academy Festival begins at 3:30pm with activities and picnic. **ReCharge** contemporary worship service begins at 5:00pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Dave Griswold
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Skip Meyn, Betty Pletz

– BULLETIN PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Arden Fetcko	Martha Stickner	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Jan MacInnes
C. Noelle Partusch	Dave Parsh	Wendy Kern	Mark Howell
Elizabeth & Scott Cowan	Pat Bellingham	Chickie Braine	Bill Grande
Friends and Family:			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Allison & Erik	Carol Suesser	Amy Clark
Edie Jackman	Melissa Geiser	Judy Skoog	Amy & Nate
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	Sophia	Marie Checkley
Jessica & Damian Ream	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Tammy Fuller
Tom McGrail	Robbie Grainger	Marilyn Hahn	
Grief:			
Rosanna Strausbaugh family	Doris Swan family	Dot Respecki family	Don Tatar family
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown