

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



10 NOVEMBER 2024  
The Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
10:30 am

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

### LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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## WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

TOGETHER WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children's** bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for “Handicap Bathroom.” Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

**10 NOVEMBER 2024**

**THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting IV • 10:30**

***GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”***

**PRELUDE – “Blessed Assurance”**

J. Carlson

### 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, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**C** we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
 and we are complicit in its power.  
 We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.  
 Unbind us and set us free.  
 Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
 that we may live just and generous lives  
 for the good of your world  
 and the care of our neighbors,  
 following in the servant way of Jesus.  
 Amen.

**P** These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are  $\dagger$  forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.  
**C** Amen.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 695

### As Saints of Old



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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 Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune  
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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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

### FIRST READING: I Kings 17:8-16

<sup>8</sup>The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So Elijah set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 146 (tune: St. Anne)

1. Hallelujah! Sing praise to God, my soul, give God your praise;  
throughout my life will I praise God, sing praise through all my days.
2. Do not rely on human help, in rulers place no trust,  
for when they die, they and their plans return again to dust.
3. How happy those whose hope is in the God whom Jacob knew,  
who made the heavens, earth, and sea, whose promises are true.
4. To those oppressed, the Lord our God gives justice constantly;  
God feeds the hungry, and all those in prison are set free.
5. The Lord lifts up all those bowed down and gives the blind new sight;  
the stranger, widow, orphan, all are strengthened by God’s might.
6. God brings the wicked to their doom; the Lord will reign always;  
from age to age, O Zion sing to God unending praise.

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and



after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.*

## 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.

## GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup>Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then Jesus called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Jay

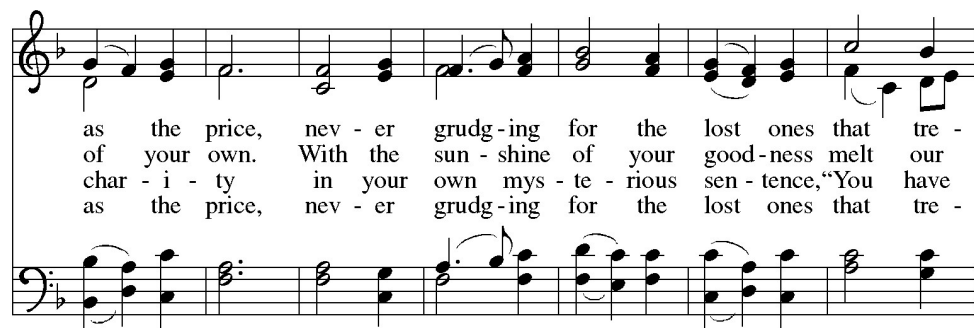
*Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 707

### Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

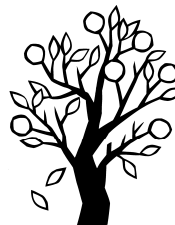


bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887



## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized.

**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 PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

*You may kneel, sit, or stand as is your custom.*

**A** Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.  
*A brief silence.*

**A** Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long, especially Jax Stone. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**A** We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen.

## THE PEACE

- ☐ The peace of the Lord is with you.  
☒ And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL – “God feeds us with Jesus Christ.”

### 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.

**Hold onto your pledge cards; they will be presented later in the service.**

## ANTHEM – “You Are My All in All, Fairest Lord Jesus”

L. Shackley

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY (The Doxology with Alleluias)

Thomas Ken, 1709 Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly  
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

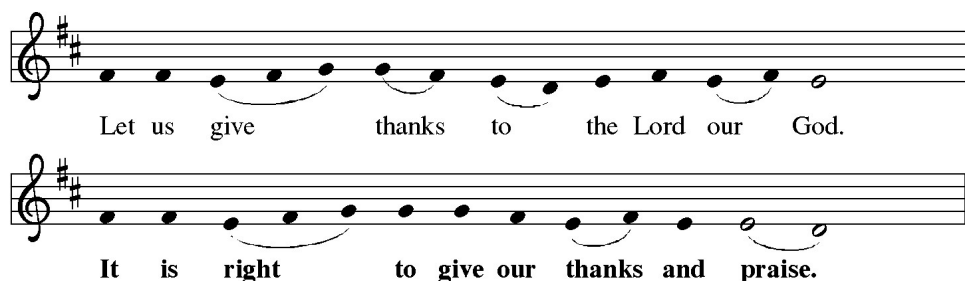
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- ☒ Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.  
☒ Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

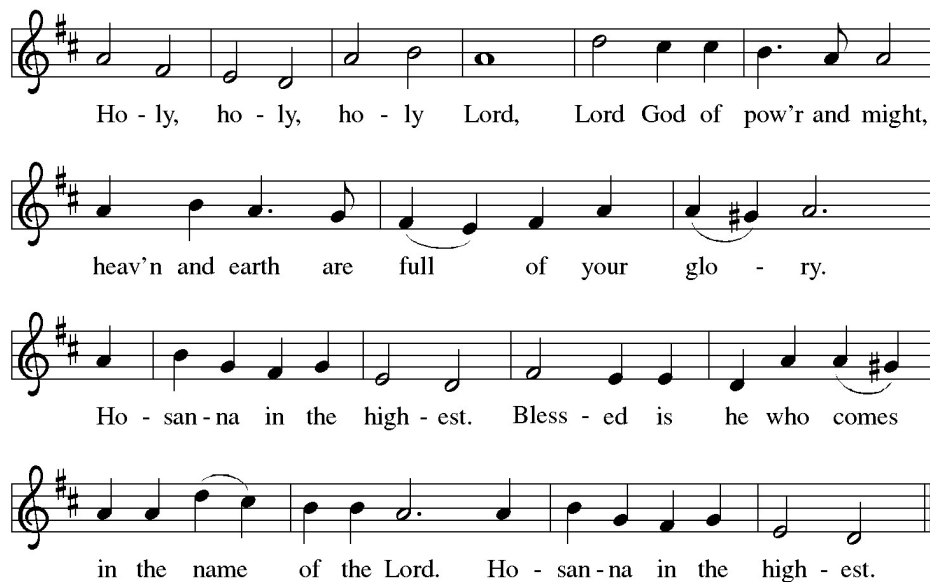
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



## PROPER PREFACE

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

## SANCTUS



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

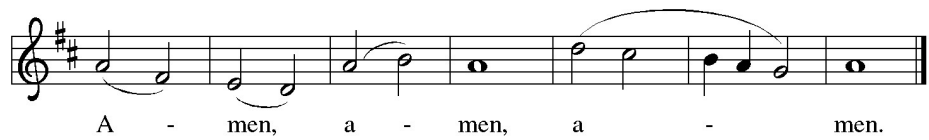
☐ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: We who are surrounded by evil and bordered by death appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

*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, the sacrifice of his life and death, and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world. Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☐ **Amen.**



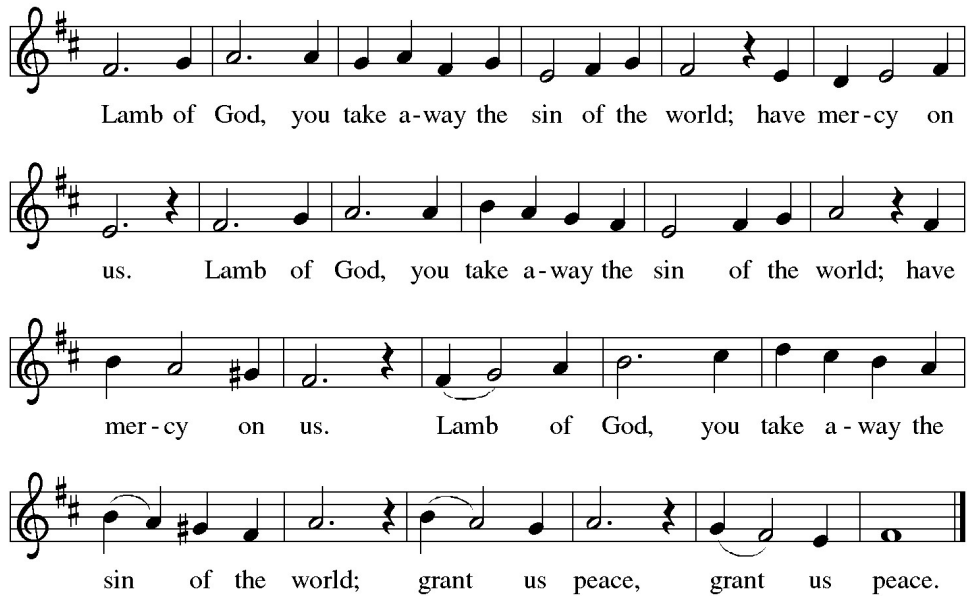
## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power,**  
**and the glory,**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

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

*The congregation is seated.*

## THE 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.*

*Baked bread is being used. For those who so desire, gluten-free wafers are available;  
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 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.



# Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,  
 who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;  
 we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,  
 con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984  
 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985  
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## TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ...and bring you to everlasting life.
- ☒ Amen.

## SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION

- ☐ Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care...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. Amen.



## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

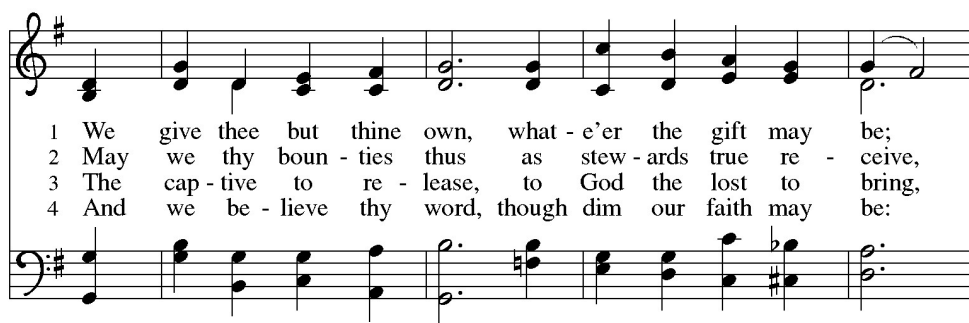
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## PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

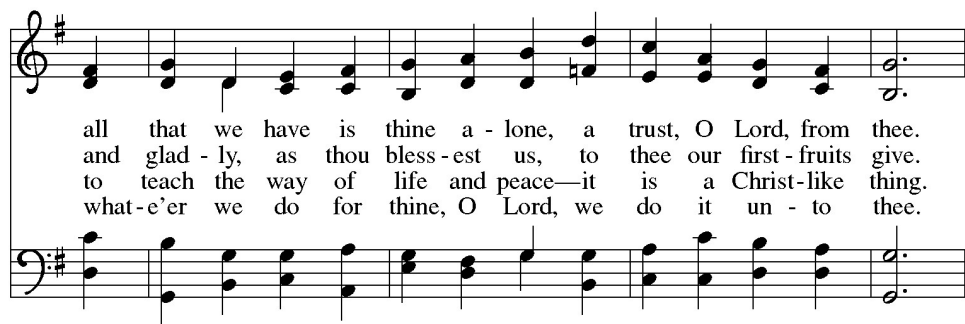
**ELW 686**

*During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to bring your pledge cards forward to the basket.*

### We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

- P** We offer to you, O God, these gifts in humble thanks for the creating love you give to us.
- C** **Receive these gifts, O God.**
- P** We offer to you, O God, these pledges in unassuming thanks for the redeeming love you give to us.
- C** **Receive these pledges, O God.**
- P** We offer to you, O God, these commitments in grateful thanks for the sustaining love you give to us.
- C** **Receive these commitments, O God.**
- P** May our eyes, our minds and our hearts be opened this year. May we be surprised in our lives, in your church, and in our ministry together.
- C** **Let us be surprised this year.**
- P** Gracious and loving God, you are the giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. To you we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you first showered upon us: ourselves, our lives, and our possessions. We received them for your bounty, receive them now from our grateful hearts.
- P** These cards represent our glad and generous participation in your ministry in the world. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that you continually give to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have first received.
- P** May they be the first fruits of all we have and not simply from what we have left over, so that we may live into your own sacrificial love. May we see them as our offering to you; sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with all your possibilities for us.
- P** Take them and us and use us for your own glory that the world may know and rejoice in your abundant and merciful love—love we know through your own greatest sacrifice, the one who gave his entire self for us: Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Merciful Judge through whom we pray and for whom we give you our heartiest thanks and praise.
- C** **Thank you God! Amen.**

## BLESSING

- P** ... ✠ bless you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – “Nimrod”

E. Elgar

*“Nimrod” by Edward Elgar is the ninth variation from the larger work of fourteen compositions called the Enigma Variations. Each of these variations are representative of members of Elgar’s family or close circle of friends. The title “Nimrod” is a humoresque nod to August J. Jaeger, Elgar’s editor and publisher. Jaeger’s encouragement and support of Elgar during periods of depression and low confidence served as inspiration for this composition which depicts a conversation between the two.*

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*ACOLYTE* – Gabe Stroup

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Vance Meucci

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Elaine Kern

*LECTOR* – Lynnette Gustafson

*ALTAR GUILD* – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

*USHERS* – Cathy Beck, Sue Cappelletty, Mary Mumford, Betty Pletz

*VIDEO STREAMING* – Nick Lang



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our son, Jax Stone, who passed away at the age of 9 on July 27, 2014. Jax would have been 19 on November 11, 2023. Flowers are given by his family; Tara, Steve, Colton and Cameron Durian and Jordan Stone.

**From a grateful nation:**

- ❖ To honorable discharged Veterans, thank you for your sacrifice during wartime when deployed to combat areas, and peacetime when our nation celebrated stability and prepared for potential conflicts;
- ❖ In memory of deceased Veterans, we honor your selfless service and dedication protecting freedom in our homeland;
- ❖ In recognition of our church members active military around the world, thank you for your strength, bravery and commitment to our country.

*Today's bulletins provided by Bob & Carol Davidson*

**Today's Events**

**Offering envelopes** for 2025 are located on the table by the ramp door. To save on postage we ask that you please pick up your envelopes. They are arranged alphabetically. Thank you.

**Adult Forum** will be held in the library this morning from about 9:15-10:15. Our session is about "Approaching the Bible." This will be a Bible Study *about* studying the Bible!

**Sunday School** for PreK – Grade 6 will meet at 9:30am.

**Second Sunday Salons** will gather in the parlor at 9:15am for fellowship and conversation.

**St. Lucia rehearsals** will begin this morning. All children and youth grade 3 and older are encouraged to take part in this annual and joyful festival. Rehearsal will be held from 12:00 – 1:00pm.

**Commitment Sunday** is today! This is a few weeks earlier than usual this year. We want to ensure that everyone has a chance to make their commitment to God's mission in this place without worries about holiday travel. We will gather at both services on this morning to focus ourselves on God's abundance in our lives and to make our commitments to God's mission through financial support of Luther Memorial. If you do not have a pledge card, they are available at the welcome tables. You are also welcome to return your pledge card to the church office.

**Please join us** in the library at 11:30 this morning for a short presentation about the Julia Hospice House. There is a need for a free standing hospice facility in Erie County and information will be shared on how it will function, current fundraising and an update on the status. Julia Hospice House will be located in McKean.

**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 Matters

**While not *technically* a liturgical commemoration**, today (November 10) is the 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht. The “Night of Broken Glass” was the beginning of the public pogroms of Nazi Germany. In one night, 267 synagogues were burned; 7,000 Jewish-owned businesses had their windows shattered and their inventory destroyed or looted (the shattered glass is where the name Kristallnacht came from because in the morning sunshine the glass shone like crystal); and over 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and deported to concentration camps.

Why should we remember this day as Lutherans 86 years later? There are several reasons. The first is that we cannot escape that writings of Martin Luther—who was himself an anti-Semite—were used by Hitler and the Nazis to support their actions and beliefs. Additionally, the Lutheran Church in Germany quickly became the Reich Church; some bishops’ pectoral crosses were even worn on chains made out of gilt swastikas. November 10 is also Luther’s birthday and many were unaware of the destruction being wreaked because they were celebrating his 455<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We can lift up Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Confessing Church—an underground movement within the Lutheran Church of theologians, clergy, seminarians, and others who stood against the usurpation of the Church for the Reich’s deeds. However, we must remember that Bonhoeffer was not initially against what was happening in Germany and once he was, he was eventually caught in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler and executed for the crime.

This day serves as a reminder of the ways that the Church has often stood by while harm has been done, often with our blessing and in Jesus’ name.

A prayer by Dietrich Bonhoeffer from prison (set to music as hymn 626 in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*):

1. By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered  
and confidently waiting, come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning,  
and never fails to meet us each new day.
2. Yet are our hearts by their old foe tormented;  
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.
3. And when the cup you give is filled to brimming  
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,  
we take it gladly, trusting though with trembling,  
out of so good and so beloved a hand.
4. If once again, in this mixed world, you give us  
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
we shall recall what we have learned through  
sorrow, and dedicate our lives to you alone.
5. Now as your silence deeply spreads around us,  
open our ears to hear your children raise  
from all the world, from every nation round us,  
to you their universal hymn of praise.

## Christian Education

**Brown Bag Bible** will gather each Wednesday in the parlor at 12:00 noon for Bible Study and discussion. You are invited to bring lunch for yourself. Our first topic; *How Did THAT Get in My Bible?!* We will not meet on November 13 and 27.

**Book Group**, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, will meet the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be tomorrow evening; Monday, November 11, as we begin the book *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ’s Childhood Pal*.

**B.A.D. (Bible After Dark)** gathers at **Calamari’s** the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. 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**

**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; November 12 and 26 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

**Michael DeSanctis**, retired Professor of Theology and Structural Design and Architecture from Gannon, will visit with the OWLS on Wednesday, November 13 and speak on church design and the theology behind it. He will also share the background regarding his building and repairing of crèches of all sizes. Lunch will be provided for this event. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.** Please join us from 11:00am-1:30pm for this gathering. Please see Jan MacInnes if you would like to attend.

**OWLS** will visit Penn State Planetarium on Wednesday, December 4 at 11:00am. Jim Gavio, Director of the Yahn Planetarium will share the Mystery of the Christmas Star. The program takes viewers on a journey to discover a scientific explanation for the star the Wisemen followed to find Baby Jesus. Cost of this event is \$4/person and due prior to December 4. A map showing where the Planetarium is on campus and parking permits are available from Jan MacInnes or the church office. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office no later than November 27.

**Cash Bingo** will be held Sunday, November 17. Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo beginning at 12:30pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$25 each and available on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week. Proceeds will benefit our LYO.

### **Christmas Preparations**

**St. Lucia** will be presented at Luther Memorial on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00pm in our main church with a reception following in fellowship hall. Rehearsals will be held this morning and Sundays; November 17, 24 and December 1. Rehearsals for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade youth and older are this morning from 12:00-1:00pm. Rehearsals for children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger will begin on Sunday, November 17 at 11:30am. Parents are asked to attend the first rehearsal to sign in their child. Please contact Lena Donnelly at 814-403-7825 with any questions.

**Hamloaf** is back for Christmas with new sausage flavors and Gahr's Grillers. Hamloaf is a delicious and easy meal for the holiday season. **Orders will be accepted through Sunday, November 17 with pick-up on Sunday, December 8.** Keeping it local, Gahr's Hamloaf is located in Franklin, PA. Order forms are available at the hospitality tables and the church and school offices.

### **Youth Event**

**The annual Christmas Extravaganza** is coming up on Friday, December 6. The plans this year are a surprise and our youth in grades 6-12 are sure to have a great time. Join us from 5:30-9:30 and get in that holiday spirit. RSVP to Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or the church office by Sunday, December 1.

### **Community Outreach**

**Sisters of St. Joseph** will be offering a Thanksgiving dinner by delivery only on Thanksgiving Day, November 28 between 8:00-10:00am. There is no cost to receive a meal, although monetary donations are appreciated. To receive a meal, please call 814-836-4198 on Tuesday, November 19 from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. This will be the only day that reservations for meal delivery will be accepted.

### **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:**

Dorothy Youngman  
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family  
Marilyn Bohn & family

Dave Parsh  
Virginia Long  
Rosanne Braine

Rose-Marie Rose  
Pat Gilbert  
Lois Smith

Ron King  
Lois Fobes  
Ed Hokaj

**Friends and Family:**

Kate Collins & family  
Jessica Bulos Grubb  
Leigh Ann Fassnacht  
Jean Coburn  
Tom Kraut  
Andy Zimmerman  
Norma Lynch  
Grant, Alina, Charlie Jane McGrail

Jenn  
Phil F.  
Janine Frank  
Teddy & Rebecca  
Kevin D.  
Jim Roberts  
Racheal Thompson  
Phil

Joann Guilianelli  
Donna Peck  
Casey Smith  
Branden Jones  
Bernadette Mulder  
Cheryl Runstedler  
Joey & family

Jenn Eddy  
Curtis Krick  
Fred Kern  
Cheryl Atkinson  
Steve Sensor  
Dale Dannhaus  
Michele Seifert

**Grief:**

Simmons family

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson  
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner  
Mark Collins

Andrew Watson  
Alli Brown

**Readings and Commemorations This Week**

**November 11 – Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397** – Isaiah 58:6-12; Psalm 15; Matthew 25:34-40 -- *Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop. In the ancient church, St Martintide, beginning today and ending on the feast of St Andrew (11/30,) was the beginning of Advent. Today, Veterans Day/Armistice Day is remembered on St. Martin's Day which invites an interesting conversation as Martin was a conscientious objector.*

**November 12 – Soren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, 1855** – Proverbs 3:1-7; Psalm 119:89-104; I Corinthians 2:6-10, 13-16; John 17:18-23 -- *Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.*

**November 13** – Psalm 94; Ruth 4:7-22; Luke 4:16-30

**November 14** – Psalm 16; Daniel 4:4-18; I Timothy 6:11-21

**November 15** – Psalm 16; Daniel 4:19-27; Colossians 2:6-15

**November 16** – Psalm 16; Daniel 4:28-37; Mark 12:1-12

## CALENDAR

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

LMA closed  
2:00pm Property Committee  
6:00pm Book Group

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00am Pericope  
10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group  
6:00pm Church Council

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

11:00am OWLS

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:00pm Grief Group  
5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00pm PTL  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:00am Quilt Gathering  
4:00pm LMA Parent's Night Out

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

### THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**Worship services** at 8:15 in Faith Chapel and 10:30am in the main church.

**Adult Forum** will meet at 9:15am in the library.

**Homemade soup** will be available for purchase following the 10:30am service.

**St. Lucia rehearsal** at 11:30am.

**Cash Bingo;** doors open at 12:00 noon, play begins at 12:30pm.

**VASA** will meet at 1:00pm.

**Hamloaf orders** due.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

#### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Kate Martin
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Tom Klomp
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	<i>(1 needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	John Bartlett
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Liz Stroup
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	