

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



17 NOVEMBER 2024
The Thirty-third 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).

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THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting IV • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – “Prelude and Fugue in E Minor”

J. S. Bach

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 \oplus forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.
C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 870

We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963
Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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.
Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the
tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

Blessing of Luther Memorial Quilts

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

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great ruler, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish
such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be
delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall
awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine
like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 16 (tune: MARYTON) sung by all in unison

1. Protect me, God, my refuge sure; the good I have all comes from you.
The godly people are my joy, all those with noble hearts and true.
2. But those who follow other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
I will not name or honor them nor ever take them for my guide.
3. You are my portion and my cup; you make my lot in life secure.
My bounds enclose a pleasant land; indeed, my heritage is sure.
4. I bless the Lord who counsels me; my heart will help me understand.
I set the Lord before my face to be my guard at my right hand.

5. My heart and spirit both rejoice, my body, too, in hope shall lie.
You will not let your holy one lie in the grave with those who die.
6. You show me, Lord, the path of life; your presence fills my heart with joy.
The pleasures found at your right hand are those that time cannot destroy.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-25

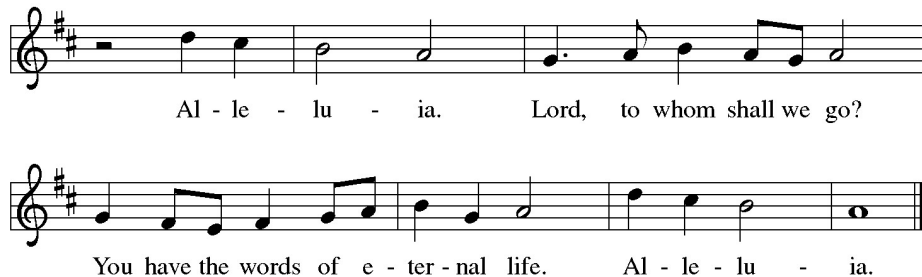
¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” ¹⁷and then is added, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my dear family, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that Christ opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the one who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” ³When Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am the one!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation and country against country; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 723

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A With thanksgiving we remember saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. 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.

ANTHEM – “Trust in God”

M. Barnard

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!

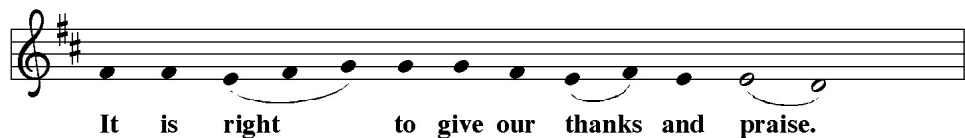
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- ☐ 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

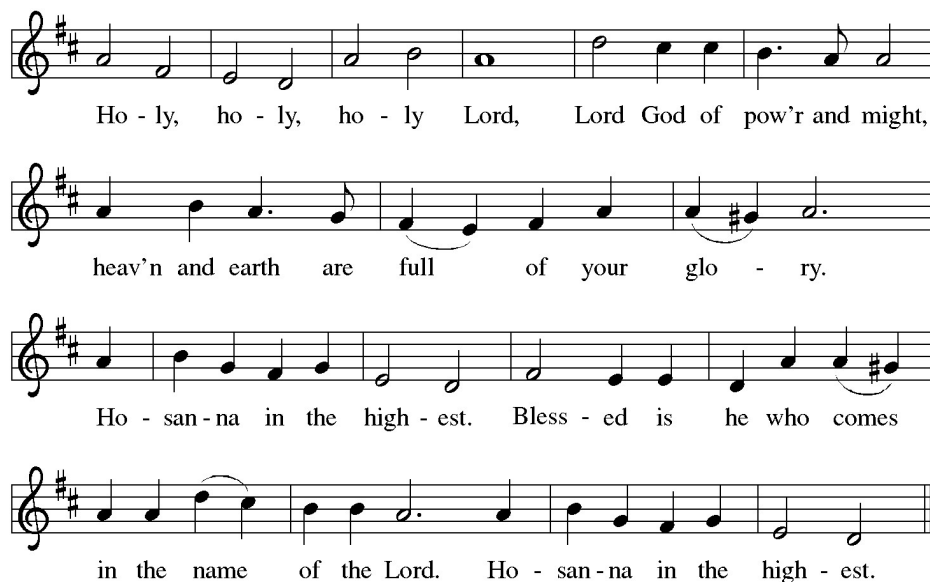
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☐ God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

☐ In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

*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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.*

☐ For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



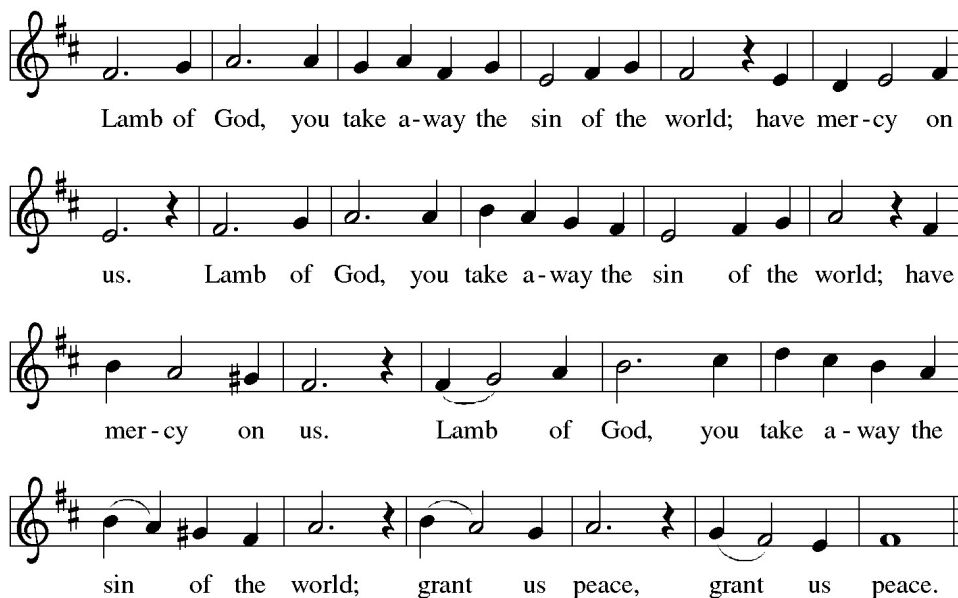
LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

☐ 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.*

HYMN DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 785

When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

MUSIC OFFERING – “You Are My All in All”

D. Jernigan

Barb Moore, Flute

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

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P ... ✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 624

Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRAUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Tuba Tune in D Major”

C. Lang

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Kate Martin

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Tom Klomp

LECTOR – Cathy Meyn

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

USHERS – Diane & Bob Banks, Jane & Dave Kinzig

VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett



The quilts being blessed this morning during the 10:30 service will be donated to Community Shelter Services. Thank you to our quilting group for these beautiful gifts:

Cathy Beck

Jeanne Gaber

Jean McMillin

Cathy Meyn

Pat Gilbert

Jane Moran

Nancy Benacci

Jan MacInnes

Crystal Reichert

Jan Birkner

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!

St. Lucia rehearsals will begin this morning for all children in grade 2 and younger. Our children will have a wonderful time taking part in this annual and joyful festival. Rehearsal will be held at 11:30.

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 are due this morning, 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.

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.

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 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 January 13 as we begin the book *The Amen Effect, Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts and World* by Sharon Brous.

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.

Worship Matters

Metrical Psalms, are translations of the Psalms into meter and rhyme—poetry—in order that they might be sung. These psalms, such as the ones we have been using this fall, were once the chief way many Christians encountered the various psalms. Indeed, the idea of translating the Psalms not only into the vernacular but also into meter and rhyme was very important for reformers like Jean Calvin for whom the Psalter (the Book of Psalms) was the sole music and hymnody allowed in worship. Each Psalm had a designated rhythm and rhyme. The texts were written as poetry like we have been using in our bulletins. It was only in some cases (depending on the cost of the book and the ability of the printmakers) that the melody for the Psalmody (sung Psalm) may have been printed at the top of the page with the poetry below. We still sing some of the “greatest hits” from Calvin’s Psalter. Perhaps best known is the tune OLD HUNDREDTH which is the tune we often pair with the Doxology—*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*—but also with *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* which is actually very nearly the exact metrical version of Psalm 100 that Calvin used. This is why the tune name is what it is: the tune for the 100th Psalm would have been 100th. Now this many centuries later we added “Old” before the number. We also have TWENTY-FOURTH and a few other psalm-tunes in our worship resources. The practice of metrical psalms continues through the present day. Indeed, *A Mighty Fortress* is Luther’s metrical setting of Psalm 46; *O God Our Help in Ages Past* is Watts’ setting of Psalm 90; and *Joy to the World* is a metrical setting of Psalms 96-98. We will be using metrical settings of psalms through the end of the Advent season continuing this long tradition in the Church.

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 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.

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 \$5/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.

Christmas Preparations

Hanging of the Greens is coming up on Sunday, December 1; the First Sunday in Advent. Plan to join us following each service as we trim trees and prepare our church for a joyful Christmas. There is something for everyone in the family to help decorate.

Christmas cookie reception will be held following each service on Sunday, December 1. Delicious holiday cookies, fellowship and decorating; Christmas is coming.

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 for children 2nd grade and younger will begin this morning at 11:30. Rehearsals will also be held Sunday, November 24 and December 1. Please contact Lena Donnelly at 814-403-7825 with any questions.

Youth Event

The annual Christmas Extravaganza is all set for 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
Jane

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 17 – Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, 1231 – Tobit 12:6b-9; Psalm 112:1-9; Matthew 25:31-40 -- *Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.*

November 18 – Psalm 13; Daniel 8:1-14; Hebrews 10:26-31

November 19 – Mechthild of Magdeburg, 1282, Mechthild of Hackeborn, 1298, Gertrude the Great, 1302, renewers of the church – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 46; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Mark 10:35-45 – *These three women were mystics and spiritual writers. Mechthild of Magdeburg was descended from a noble family in Saxony and because a Beguine, a member of a lay sisterhood that lived a semi-religious communal life without vows and whose aims were primarily philanthropic, led a life of prayer and penance. She wrote down her vision under the title The Flowing Light of the Godhead somewhere in the 1250s. Mechthild of Hackeborn (not the same Mechthild) was mistress in charge of the school of a monastery of Helfta while her sister was princess abbess there. She and another nun wrote her teachings and experiences in a book called The Book of Special Grace. Finally, Gertrude the Great (or Gertrude of Helfta) was born in Eisleben and at the age of 5 was entrusted to the Cistercian foundation there. She was a student of Mechthild of Hackeborn for some of her education. One of the first exponents of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Gertrude wrote Legatus Divinae Piatatis.*

November 20 – Psalm 13; Zechariah 12:1-13:1; Mark 13:9-23

November 21 – Psalm 93; Ezekiel 28:1-10; Acts 7:54-8:1a

November 22 – Psalm 93; Ezekiel 28:20-26; I Corinthians 15:20-28

November 23 – Clement, Bishop of Rome, 100 – Psalm 78:3-7; II Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 6:37-45 -- *Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.*

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19	1:00pm	Pericope
	3:15pm	School Board

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20	12:00pm	Brown Bag Bible
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21	1:00pm	Grief Group
	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23	1:00pm	Baby Shower
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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

St. Lucia rehearsal at 11:30am.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Karen Lundwall
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	(<i>1 needed</i>)
Video Streaming	10:30am	Beth Keller
Counters	10:30am	Jonathan Gaber, Pat Young
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Jeanne Gaber, Mary Mumford