

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



27 FEBRUARY 2022
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 8:15 & 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 – “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

John A. Behnke

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*

TEMPLE TALK

Jonathan Gaber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P Most merciful God,
C we confess that we have sinned against you
 and your beloved children.
 We have turned our faces away from your glory
 when it did not appear as we expected.
 We have rejected your word
 when it made us confront ourselves.
 We have failed to show hospitality
 to those you called us to welcome.
 Accept our repentance for the things we have done
 and the things we have left undone.
 For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
 in the glory of your Son born among us,
 and reflect your love for all creation.
 Amen.

P Rejoice in this good news:
 In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
 You are descendants of the Most High,
 adopted into the household of Christ,
 and inheritors of eternal life.
 Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
C Amen.

This text, written in England in 1888 for the feast of the Transfiguration, is the work of a Church of England priest, educator and author of great distinction. The tune was adapted from the subject of J. S. Bach's second fugue in E-major, from The Well-Tempered Clavier.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 315

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.
 Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

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.

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

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

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ.

The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil.

But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

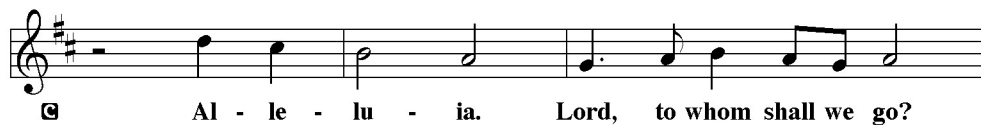
^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall


Please stand as you are able.

Born into an evangelical home, John Neale is praised for his contributions to the church and hymnody. He won the Seatonian prize for religious poetry eleven times while a student at Trinity College, Cambridge, England and was ordained in the Church of England in 1842. He was warden of Sackville College, a retirement home for poor men, from 1846-1866 and also founded the Sisterhood of St. Margaret, which became one of the finest English training orders for nurses.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 316

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and





glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us

moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith

C We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

A Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. Protect the people of Ukraine and bring a just and peaceful end to the conflict there. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Heal those who are in distress. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. We pray especially for healing for our cantor Walt Gaber as he recovers from surgery. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all pastors, worship leaders and lectors, musicians, altar guild, and all who contribute to our worship life. 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 Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him, especially Robert Chaffee. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** *Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.

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

VOLUNTARY – Aria on “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

John A. Behnke

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, O God,
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
On a lonely mountain his human body was transfigured
by your holy splendor.
In his face, we have glimpsed your glory.
In his life, we have seen your love.

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.



Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love,
and inspire us to shine in faith and witness as his holy disciples.
Transform us into his likeness that we may live for you, as he lived,
and love others, as he loved.

By your Spirit bind us with Christ,
and to one another in ministry,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at the heavenly meal.
Through your son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, 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



C 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 Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

C Amen.

P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(10:30 am Service)

The congregation is seated.

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 by the side aisle.

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.

COMMUNION

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together).

The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "good cheer") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less

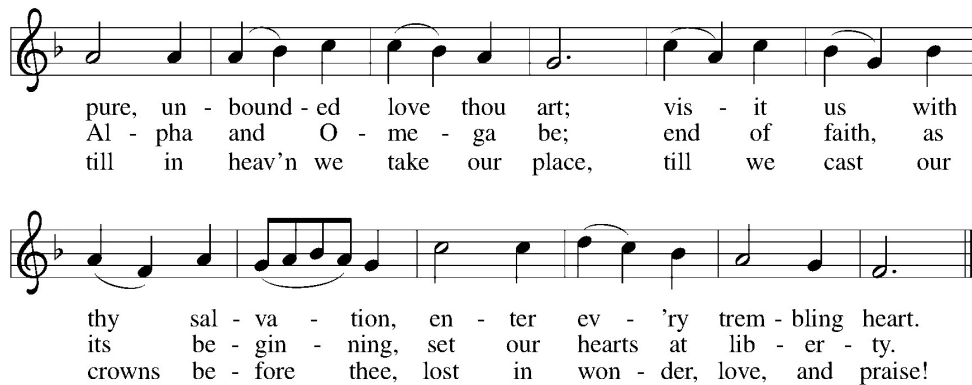


earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,





pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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.

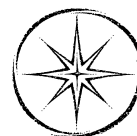
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING

- P** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.
C Amen.



This hymn is among numerous texts written to be used just before Lent, when the medieval church forbade use of Alleluia during Lent. Tradition even included holding a funeral Mass and burying the manuscript of this hymn. The tune, written in the 19th century by an English church musician, remains very popular in England and has been used for a number of royal weddings.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 318

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,
 al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;
 in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go with Christ into a weary world.
 Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – Recessional on “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Mark Sedio

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Karen Lundwall
GREETERS – Vicky Blasco, Pastor Brian & Jane Moran (8:15 am)
 Ann Flick, Lois & Les Fobes, Barb & Carl Moore (10:30 am)
ASSISTING MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)
 Liz Stroup (10:30 am)
LECTOR – Linda Graffius (10:30 am)
ORGANIST – Mrs. Jamie Emerson



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert C. Chaffee by his loving family.

Thank you to Jamie Emerson leading us in music during our worship services this morning.

In your bulletin is a flyer listing possibilities for your Lenten disciplines. Please look through it and prayerfully consider how you will keep the season of Lent this year. Extra copies are available on the welcome tables.

We welcome Mitch Stroup and Caiden Snider as our safety team. Their duties will include securing all doors, assistance with preparation for worship, setting up for special events/meetings and general upkeep following all special activities at Luther Memorial Church. We thank Charlie Lintelman for his years of service at Luther Memorial and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Today's Events

Our jigsaw puzzle competition is today from 12:00 noon until 4:00pm. Teams of two (2) will compete to complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle. There is a limit of ten (10) teams with an entrance fee of \$25/team. All puzzles are the same and teams may keep the puzzle at the end of the competition. The winning team will receive \$50 cash prize. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski this morning if you would like to take part. Masks are required.

Worship

Ash Wednesday services, with communion and imposition of ashes, will be held on March 2 at 12:00 noon and 7:00pm in the main church.

Lenten services will be held each Wednesday in Lent at 12:05pm in the main church. Come join us in the observance of a holy Lent and be changed by the grace of God. Lenten meals will not be offered this year, but we are hopeful they will resume next year.

March 9	"Who Will Separate Us from the Love of Christ"	Pastor Karen Lundwall
March 16	"Love Does No Wrong to a Neighbor"	Pastor Karen Parsh
March 23	"The Greatest of These is Love"	Pastor Kristen Papson
March 30	"Love Your Enemies"	Mr. Ron King
April 6	"Perfect Love Casts Out Fear"	Pastor Brian Moran

Volunteers are needed to welcome those attending worship on Sunday mornings for the 8:15 and 10:30am services. Please contact Norma, in the church office, if you would like to welcome our friends with a smile. Thank you.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (March 6)
- Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (March 13)
- LYO – third Sunday of the month (March 20)
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (February 27)**

Luther Memorial Church's 7th, 8th and 9th graders will be attending **Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn** from June 19 to June 24, 2022. Information will be sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Luther Memorial Church's 10th grade students will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Put a little leprechaun magic in your day and join us March 8. 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. During each gathering masks are worn and safe distancing protocols are followed.

Supporting our Youth

Fundraisers are underway to help offset the church cost of Confirmation Camp for our youth. We invite you to stop by the youth table in the parlor area and browse the wide assortment of items to order; dips from Gourmet Creations, Cookie Cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe, Tropical Sweet Heat sauce from Hot Diggity Pepper Company, and hamloaf for your Easter dinner.

Blaze Pizza for your supper will please the whole family. Stop in to Blaze Pizza, 1930 Douglas Parkway, tomorrow, Monday, February 28, from 4:00-7:00pm, pick up your pizza and 20% of the proceeds will go towards our LYO. Flyers are available at our youth table in the parlor area. Two ways to order:

1. Present the flyer or show it on your phone before paying;
2. Online orders may be placed via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code 1209A in the 'Promo Code' field at checkout.

Printed or electronic flyers are required.

Lucky Leprechaun Bingo will be held Sunday, March 13 from 12:00 noon – 4:00pm. Eight (8) games of bingo and two (2) coverall games will be played. Admission is \$25/person. Prizes will be \$50 gift cards. There will be more fun with a surprise Chinese auction, tip boards, ruffles and pull tables. Small snacks, water and pop will be available for purchase. Only 50 tickets will be sold, so get your reservations in soon. Masks are required.

Summer Camp

Registration for summer camp at Lutherlyn has begun. There are camps available for every interest from Horse Camp to Rocketry to Arts & Music. Even the youngest can attend Small Fry Days and the entire family can enjoy Family Camp. Flyers are available at the welcome tables.

Community Events

In honor of Women's History Month we celebrate women and girls who are creating positive change through word art in Erie. Join us for "Hear Her...She is Speaking" on Monday, March 7 at H. O. Hirt Auditorium, 160 East Front Street. The pre-celebration will begin at 6:30pm; program will be held from 7:00-8:00pm. Desserts and beverages will be donated by Cafe7-10.

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 Policy

Luther Memorial Church requests that all those worshipping wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 12:00pm Deborah Circle
3:00pm W/ELCA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	12:00pm	Worship Service
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00pm	Worship Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 7:00pm Worship & Music Committee

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 2022
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Michael Snider will preach at the 8:15 and 10:30am worship services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

Children's Church for Prekdg. – Kdg. will be held at 9:30am.

First Holy Communion class will be held at 9:30am.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	C. Noelle Partusch
Lay Distributors	8:15am	Jan MacInnes
	10:30am	Ann Flick
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Lois Fobes	Bill Grande
Barb Holcomb	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Bev Held	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Nancy Downey
Julie, AJ, baby Gigi Chandler	Matt Kinzig	Brent Young	Dave Kinzig
Bob Banks	Walt Gaber		

Friends and Family:

Cecily & Addison DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Frank Nalepa	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
Bob	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
John & Naomi Howard	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Gayle Rumbaugh	Shelly
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
Josie W.	Aahron	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingraham	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Steven & Ally Soltesz	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Christian	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn	Amanda Toms
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Judy Skoog	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Kathy Kisak	Sophia	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sidney	Loraine Pond
Allison & Erick	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Marianella
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Jennifer Bluey	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Mike & Paula Lombardozzi family	Ashlynn Rowane	Jim Sturm	Amy & Nate
Rev. Ralph Storm	Tom Balliet		

Grief:

Mildred Nodes family Rose Hill family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			