

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



20 AUGUST 2023  
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30



### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

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

**PRELUDE** – “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

arr. John Carter

“There Is a Name I Love to Hear”

arr. John Carter

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. Carol McMillen, Charity Book Putnam

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

☛ **Amen.**

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

☛ **Amen.**

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

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

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

*This text (five of thirteen original verses) "reflects the welcome to table fellowship  
 that Jesus offered unconditionally to everyone," the author writes.  
 The tune was written to accommodate the unusual meter of the text.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

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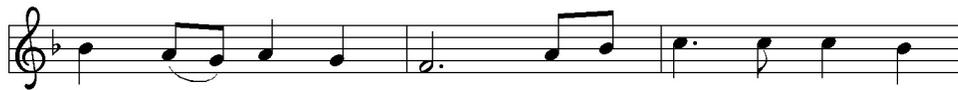
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and





vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

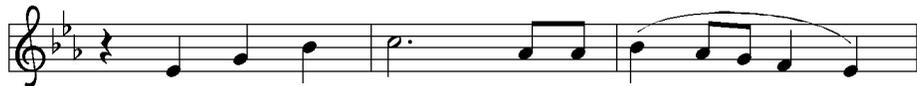


Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

## GREETING

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

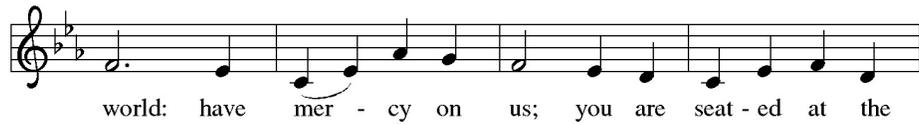


Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the





world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

*Moved to tears by Judah’s plea on behalf of Benjamin, Joseph declares, “I am Joseph!” and asks, “Is my father still alive?” Despite the brothers’ evil intent, God used Joseph to preserve many lives at a time of famine.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here but God; God has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

☐ Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 133** *(Spoken responsively.)*

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that,  
while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

**SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

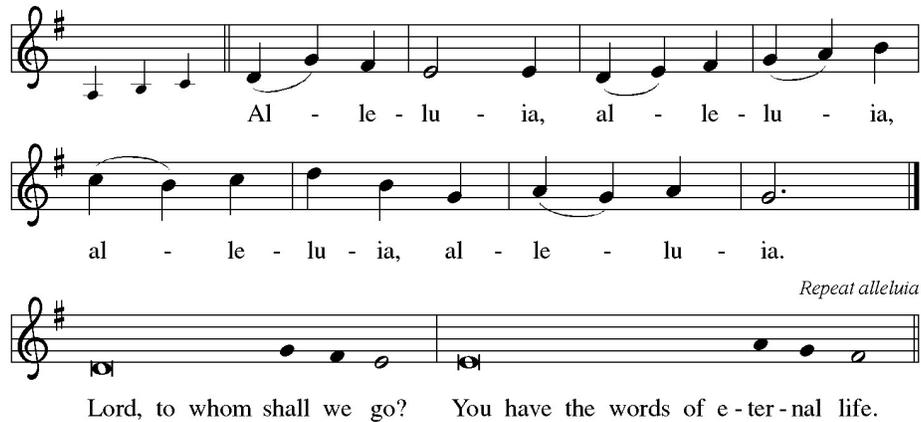
Paul writes: <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected the chosen people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected the people whom God foreknew. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience in order to be merciful to all.

☐ Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

### GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28

<sup>10</sup>Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of those who are blind. And if one person who is blind guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup>Then Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able.*

*“If you have more than you need,” says a popular proverb, “it’s better to build a longer table than a taller fence.” In this proverb, hymnwriter David Bjorlin heard a resonance with the obstacles that refugees often meet when seeking safety far from their countries of origin. Bjorlin’s text uses the love of Christ as its model in calling us to respond to refugees with long tables, wide doorways, and safe refuges rather than with violence and exclusion.*

*The tune is likely known with its pairing, “Now the green blade rises” (ELW 379).*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ACS 1062**

**Build a Longer Table**



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984  
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

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

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



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

## **THE PRAYERS**

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

*A brief silence.*

**A** O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.

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

**A** You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.

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

**A** You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.

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

**A** You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick. We pray for Abbie, Winnie, Shirley, Marilyn, Lois, Ann, Debbie, Elizabeth, Craig, Mark, John, Michael, Mary, Archer, Carol, Elayne, John, Nichole, Melissa, Kevin, Karen, Jean, Kate, Roger, Bob, Diane, Dean, Susan, Ian, Bernie, Branden, Caitlyn, Meghan, Bonnie, Michele, Cindy, Allison, Audree, Bertil, Howie, Matt, Ben, Michael, Andrew, Alli and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

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

**A** O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God.

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

**A** We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors, especially Nancy Shaner. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

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

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

**C** **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

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

**THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED**

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

**VOLUNTARY – “Shall We Gather at the River”**

arr. John Carter

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

**ELW 881**

**Let All Things Now Living**

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

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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*on the night in which he was betrayed,  
took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

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

**P** Great is the mystery of faith:

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

**P** Forgiving God, you sent Joseph to Egypt, through the conspiracy of his brothers, to redeem your people from the curse of famine. You sent your Son Jesus to the cross, through the corruption of our human will, to liberate us from sin and death. Raise up among us children of hope, of courage, of truth, and of vision, who embody your will to turn our evil into your good. Transform the lives of all who live under famine today; visit any who are excluded by envy or prejudice or fear; and lift the hearts of those who are weighed down under burdens too great to bear. Gather at your resurrection banquet your whole church, living and departed, that all creation may feast with eyes and ears and touch and tongue on the effervescence of your glory, ever one God.

**C** Amen.

## OUR SAVIOR'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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat and drink what is good.
- ☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

*The congregation is seated.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

## COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!  
 We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

*Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.*

*Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.*

*White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.*

*Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.*

*As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.*

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,  
 please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

*This author was educated in Argentina, the U. S. and Germany. For years he pastored a large Methodist congregation in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His growing social awareness widened his vision for "lifting up hope with a song". He describes worship as "the fiesta of the faithful", where all are welcome and all music is seen as "part of the 'song of the earth', which answers the psalmist's call 'Sing joyfully to God, all the earth!' (Psalm 98:4).*

## HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 649

### Behold, How Pleasant *Miren qué bueno*

*Refrain / Estribillo*

¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!  
 Be - hold, how plea - sant, how good it is!





1 How plea-sant and har - mo-nious when God's peo-ple are to - geth - er:  
 2 How plea-sant and har - mo-nious when God's peo-ple are to - geth - er:  
 3 How plea-sant and har - mo-nious when God's peo-ple are to - geth - er:



Refrain / Estribillo

fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run-ning fresh on Aa-ron's beard.  
 re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun-tain of the Lord.  
 there the Lord God be - stows a bless-ing— life for - ev - er - more.

Text: Pablo Sosa, b. 1933, based on Psalm 133  
 Music: MIREN QUE BUENO, Pablo Sosa  
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*A major British figure in the revival of contemporary hymn writing, this author studied French literature at New College and theology at Mansfield College in Oxford, England. An ordained pastor, he worked with several organizations involved in fighting poverty and promoting peace and justice. He now resides in the U. S. and is active as a freelance lecturer, preacher, and full-time hymnwriter.*

ELW 482

## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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 Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.
- ☑ Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 881

### Let All Things Now Living

2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Please be seated.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please stand as you are able.

**BLESSING**

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

☑ Amen.

*This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72: 5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.*

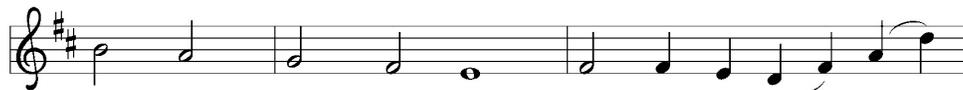
**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 434**

**Jesus Shall Reign**



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE**

☐ Go in peace. Share the harvest.

☑ Thanks be to God.

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – The Rev. Gail Zackrison

GREETER – Gina Snider

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Liz Stroup

LECTOR – Lois Smith

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Stan Rose

ALTAR GUILD – Loretta Deeds

USHERS – Diana Alvaro, Martha & Tom Klomp, Carl Moore



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Nancy E. Shaner’s birthday by her daughter, Sally McAfee.

**We welcome** Pastor Gail Zackrison this morning as she leads us in our worship services.

**Today’s Events**

**All youth** in grades 6–12 will gather in the parlor this morning from 9:30-10:15 to enjoy a delicious breakfast together. Join us in the parlor and get a great start to your morning.

**Greeting cards** can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

**Worship**

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

*On Sunday, August 27 after worship, those who are currently serving as and are interested in **ACOLYTING** in our services will meet. Please meet Pastor Jay in the front two rows of Faith Chapel after the Postlude. Following the 10:30 service we will gather in the main church.*

**Blessing** of the Backpacks, our school bound students and teachers will be offered during worship services on Sunday, August 27. We would like to send you off with lots of prayer and many blessings. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year.

**The Prelude** brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

**Where Is Pastor Jay?**

**Pastor Jay will be on vacation** from August 17-26. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church office.

### Music Ministry

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

A small handbell choir has been rehearsing throughout the summer and will play at the August 27, 10:30 service. Rehearsals for the full handbell ensemble will resume the following Thursday, August 31 at 5:30pm in the balcony of the main church. We hope to regularly ring our full 5-octave set of handbells and we always welcome new ringers.

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

### Stump the Pastor

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

### Opportunities for Fellowship

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

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** has a great way to beat the summer heat; join us in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll gather August 22 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a wonderful morning and hope to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

### Worship Space

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

### Paving Project

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

### Look What's Coming

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

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

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

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

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

**Items to Note**

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

**In case of an emergency** and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

**WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS**

**20 August – Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153** – Song of Songs 1:1-8; Psalm 139:1-9; John 15:7-11 -- *Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.*

**21 August** – Psalm 130; Genesis 43:1-34; Acts 15:1-21

**22 August** – Psalm 130; Genesis 44:1-34; Romans 11:13-29

**23 August** – Psalm 130; Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 8:1-13

**24 August – Bartholomew, Apostle** – Exodus 19:1-6; Psalm 12; I Corinthians 12:27-31a; John 1:43-51 -- *Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.*

**25 August** – Psalm 124; Genesis 49:29-50:14; II Corinthians 10:12-18

**26 August** – Psalm 124; Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12

**– PRAYER LIST –**

|  |                  |               |                 |
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| <b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>      |                  |               |                 |
| <b>Our Members:</b>                          |                  |               |                 |
| Abbie (Treiber) Dixon                        | Winnie Lyons     | Shirley Brown | Marilyn Bohn    |
| Lois Fobes                                   | Ann Flick        |               |                 |
| <b>Friends and Family:</b>                   |                  |               |                 |
| Debbie                                       | Elayne Morphy    | Kate Collins  | Bernie Wiest    |
| Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie                    | John Semonis     | Roger Smith   | Branden Jones   |
| Mark Smith                                   | Nichole Jones    | Bob Guenther  | Caitlyn Kessler |
| John Varner                                  | Melissa Pierce   | Diane Henry   | Meghan Kessler  |
| Michael Collins & Mary                       | Kevin            | Dean Scalise  | Bonnie Ford     |
| Baby Archer Bardwell                         | Karen Chilcote   | Susan Brooks  | Michele Seifert |
| Carol E.                                     | Jean C.          | Ian Minner    | Cindy Hessinger |
| Allison, Audree & family                     | Bertil Carlson   | Howie         |                 |
| <b><u>Grief</u></b>                          |                  |               |                 |
| Barbara Braley family                        |                  |               |                 |
| <b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b> |                  |               |                 |
| Lt. Col. Matt Anderson                       | Michael Stickner | Andrew Watson | Alli Brown      |
| Ben Dixon                                    |                  |               |                 |

**CALENDAR**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**

10:00am Study Group for Pastors  
10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group  
3:00pm Prayer Group

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**

9:00pm LMA Teacher Meeting

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**

5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30pm LMA Orientation Night  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

9:00am Baby Shower

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023**  
**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

| <b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023</b> |         |                         |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| <b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>    |         |                         |
| Assisting Minister             | 8:15am  | Rob Benacci             |
|                                | 10:30am | Emma Chaffee            |
| Communion Assistant            | 10:30am |                         |
| Altar Guild                    | 8:15am  | Cathie Dugan            |
|                                | 10:30am | Pam Masiroff            |
| Greeter                        | 8:15am  | Mark Howell             |
|                                | 10:30am | Stan Rose               |
| Counters                       | 10:30am | Gina Snider, Liz Stroup |