Welcome to Luther Memorial Church of the Erie Lutheran Parish



28 AUGUST 2022 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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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 – "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

arr. Donald Johns, Gordon Young, Raymond Haan, John Carter

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- Blessed be the holy Trinity,
 + one God,
 whose steadfast love endures forever.
- **G** Amen.
- \mathbf{P} Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PMerciful God,

- **G** we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.
- **P** Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

G Amen.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

ENTRANCE HYMN





Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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GREETING

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

KYRIE

- **A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- 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.
- 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.
- O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

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

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112 (Spoken responsively.)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments! ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever. ⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. ⁶For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. ⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink. until they see their desire upon their enemies. ⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor. ¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

> The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

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

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, those who humble themselves exalted." and will be

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

This hymn text is the work of a widely accomplished Lutheran pastor, archivist, seminary professor, writer and musician. The tune was written by a similarly accomplished Lutheran who served as a cantor and a teacher in Berlin.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now We Join in Celebration



of your lov-ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry, Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,

Pastor Moran

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stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us. pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness. seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990 Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

APOSTLES' CREED

A 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 1 Timothy 2:1

A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

- A brief silence.
- ▲ For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

▲ For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts, and especially Presque Isle. Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

▲ For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

A For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear. Comfort all who are sick or grieving. Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

▲ For our congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning, and especially for all those at Luther Memorial Academy. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,

C receive 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. Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

▲ For all the saints who confessed God's name, especially Helen and Ralph Walter, Sr., Marie and Ange Collins, and Doris Swan, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,

G receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C Amen.

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

Please remain standing.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

G Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Matthew 21:9

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



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

> In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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 in 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.

- 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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.
- **G** Amen.

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. Lutheran Book of Worship

COMMUNION

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. 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.

VOLUNTARY - "Now We Join in Celebration"

arr. Curt Oliver

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- ▶ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- **G** Amen.

SENDING - "God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world."

BLESSING

P The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

G Amen!

THE BLESSING OF OUR FOOD

- A Generous God, we thank you for the food you have set upon our overflowing tables, and ask that you allow us to be grateful for the daily bread you always give us. We thank you for the hands which have prepared this food and those who will serve it, and make us aware of your presence during the breaking of this bread. We pray this in the name of Jesus.
- **C** Amen!

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

arr. Boyton Smith

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— SERVING TODAY —

ASSISTING MINISTER – Jan MacInnes LECTOR – Lois Smith ALTAR GUILD – Jane Moran

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Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Helen and Ralph Walter, Sr. and Marie and Ange Collins by Helen and Robert Collins and family.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friend of Doris Swan who died Sunday, August 21, 2022. Our prayers are with her daughter, Carol Zamperini, and nieces Nancy Benacci and Sally Allen, and family.

Welcome to our Visitors!

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

<u>Worship</u>

ReCharge contemporary service will be held Sunday, September 11. Gather the family together and join us at 4:00pm for a delicious picnic, face painting, games, a puppet program; just a great time together. Our worship service will begin at 5:00pm as we lift our voices in song and praise.

Music Ministry

The Luther Memorial Choirs (handbell & vocal) began rehearsals on Thursday, August 25 at 6:00pm and 7:00pm respectively. We continue to wear masks when we are gathered together for rehearsal and worship. Both rehearsals are held on the air-conditioned 5th floor. Handbells require a commitment of at least through Christmas as each ringer is assigned a part and continuity is important. However, if you read music and would like to fill in on short notice, we are often in need of substitutes. The vocal choir can accommodate those who would prefer a shorter time commitment. If your schedule changes throughout the seasons, consider singing with us for 6-8 weeks during the seasons of Autumn, Advent & Christmas, Lent or Easter. Please contact Cantor Walt Gaber (<u>WaltGaber@gmail.com</u> or 814.602.2755) for more information and to express your interest in participating.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. September is a grand time to begin some new knitting projects. Get all that yarn together and pop in September 13 and 27. If you'd like to stop by just to chat and visit, we'd love to see you. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

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

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

Outreach Opportunities

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

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

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

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

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

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

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. However, with the significant rise of covid cases in Erie County, we encourage you to wear a mask during worship. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

In Case of Emergency

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

C A L E N D A R

Monday, August 29	5:30pm 6:00pm	LMA Parent Orientation LMA Legos
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30	6:00pm	Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31	10:00am 6:00pm	Overberg/McLane Wedding LMA Legos Newsletter Mailing
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	6:00pm 7:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 2	3:00pm	Property Committee
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3		

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Brian Moran will preach and preside at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and 10:30am worship service 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 at 10:30am is also available on Luther Memorial Church's website at <u>www.luthermemorialonline.org</u> by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 Assisting in Worship					
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan			
	10:30am	Dave Griswold			
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci			
	10:30am	Mary Daniels, Jessica Copfer			
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco			
	10:30am	Ann Flick			

- BULLETIN PRAYER LIST -

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