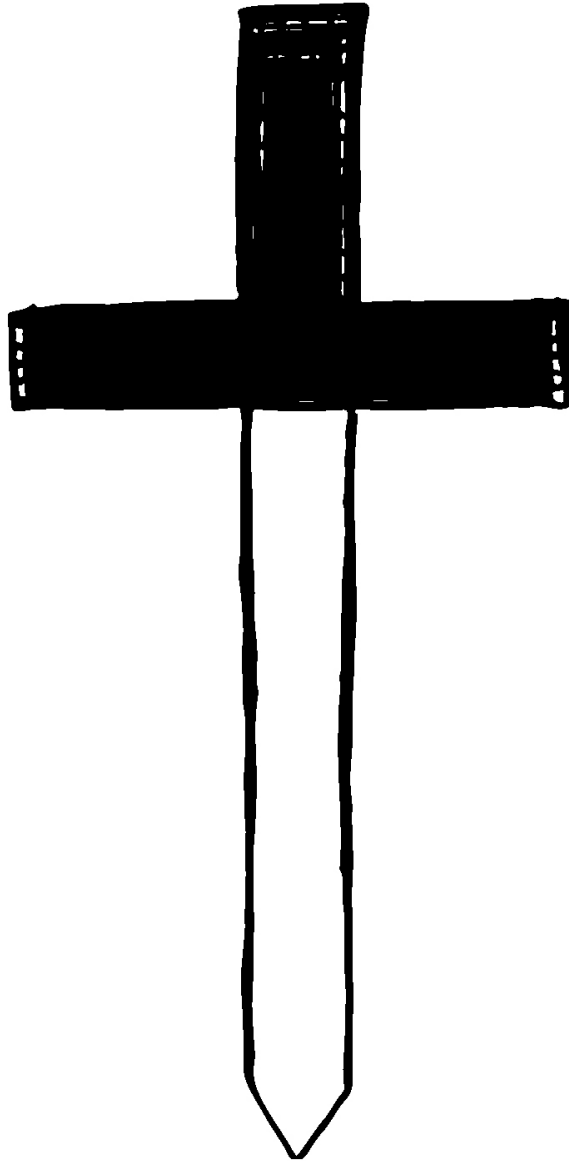


WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



21 JUNE 2026

The 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRELUDE

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, then, confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**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,**

**so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

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, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 876

Let the Whole Creation Cry

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God.

And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless Lynnette O Lord, as she reads to us the scriptures. As rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the earth is watered, let your word not return empty, but accomplish your purpose and succeed in that for which it was sent; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child Isaac grew, and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave with her son, for the son of this slave shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, Hagar cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

The psalm is sung in unison according to the tone:



¹Bow down your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,
for I am poor | and in misery.

²Keep watch over my life, for | I am faithful;
save your servant who | trusts in you.

³Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you | are my God;
I call upon you all | the day long.

⁴Gladden the soul | of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.

⁵For you, O Lord, are good | and forgiving,
and abundant in mercy toward all who | call upon you.

⁶Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my | supplications.

⁷In the time of my trouble I will | call upon you,
for you will | answer me.

⁸Among the gods there is none like | you, O Lord,
nor anything | like your works.

⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship | you, O Lord,
and glori- | fy your name.

¹⁰For you are great; you do | wondrous things;
and you a- | lone are God.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The congregation may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS 974

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;



lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸and whoever does

not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 812

Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain
when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. Encourage Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor; and all who lead your people and live as examples of service for your sake. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering, particularly those on our prayer list and whose names and needs we lift up now: _____. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints, Onesimus, John the Forerunner, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Philippa, Cyril; and our beloved dead: Lois, Robert, Dee, Percy, John, Roger, J. Boyd and Frederick who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

All share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.



You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:



and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop
 Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013
 Text and music © Caribbean Conference of Churches

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We lift our hearts to you, Lord God, for you made creation out of nothing, and in Abraham you called a people to be your own. You crafted a destiny for your children from the barrenness of despair and the wilderness of sin. You made an everlasting covenant that bound you and humanity to be with one another forever. In Jesus you made a new covenant that embodied humankind's full presence before you and your full presence before humankind. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional
English text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

Uniting God, you bind yourself to us in Christ's death, and you bind us to yourself in Christ's resurrection. In him we are dead to sin and alive to you. Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal in his memory, that we might be a ransomed, healed, restored, and forgiven people delivered from the curse of slavery, and that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of your son, Jesus,

who, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, 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."

And in the same way, after supper, 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 sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Jealous God, you want us for yourself and you teach us to shape all our lives as ways of loving you. Give your consolation to all who live with no peace, but only a sword. Dwell with those who find their household divided, son against father, mother against daughter; and any who find it hard to love you and to cherish their family members too. Restore your church that it may discover you on the way of the cross and find its life by losing it for your sake, until the day when you are the joy of our desiring and we the joy of yours, when every eye shall behold you and every tongue confess you as Lord, one and holy Trinity.

Amen.

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

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! 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. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten free. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. 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. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the Pastor.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

LBW 312

Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us; still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if you have known him, not a - shamed to own him,
4 Those who then are loy - al find a wel - come roy - al.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us; would to truth con - vert us
 nor have spurned him cold - ly, but will trust him bold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us; hope and free - dom gave us.
 from our fool - ish er - ror ere he comes in ter - ror.
 he will then re - ceive you, heal you, and for - give you.
 let us here con - fess you, till in heav'n we bless you.

Text: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
 Music: GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN. Bohemian Brethren, *Ein New Gesengbuchlen*, 1531

ELW 781

Children of the Heavenly Father

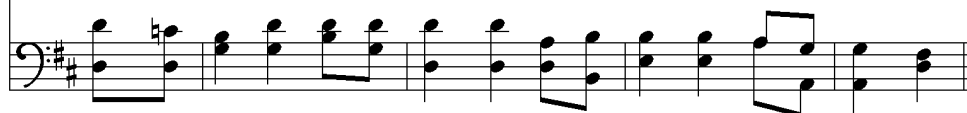
Tryggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Please be seated.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

...now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 652

Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Tom Klomp

LECTOR – Lynnette Gustafson

USHERS – Mary Daniels, Linda Graffius, Carl Moore, Michael Patterson

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lois Fobes by Les Fobes, Amy, Jim and Garrett Carlowski.

Pulpit flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. Robert and Dolores Lasher by their loving family.

Pulpit flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our grandfathers, Percy Sturtevant and John Boyd Bert; our father, Roger Sturtevant; our uncle, J. Boyd Bert; and my husband, Frederick J. Daily, by Roger, Bob, Susan and Dave Sturtevant.

The Ordination of Michael Snider was held at Luther Memorial yesterday, Saturday, June 20. If you would like to give a gift in celebration of Michael's Ordination, please place this in the offering plate or drop off in the church office by Friday, June 26. Checks should be made payable to Luther Memorial Church and labeled "Snider Purse". Thank you.

Luther Memorial on Vacation!

Going on vacation? Know you'll be away for a while this summer? Please take a "**Luther Memorial on Vacation**" sign with you—and send us a picture from wherever you find yourself! We are collecting pictures for our bulletin board and for social media (optional) to show all the places Luther Memorial is traveling this summer! It's a great reminder that wherever we are, we are Church together. *If possible, please return the sign when you return to church after your vacation so others may use them and we can be good economic and ecological stewards.*

Church Office Hours

For the summer: Please note for the summer, Church office hours are 8:30am-2:00pm Monday through Thursday. The Church office is variably open half-days on Fridays, call before popping by!

Worship

Our worship service on Sunday, June 28 will be held at Presque Isle. We will gather at Shelter #1, located near the bike rentals, for 10:30am worship. A picnic and games will follow to make it a wonderful afternoon. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting, and a chair or blanket. If you have a favorite game, bring it along too. The 8:15am service will not be held.

Everyone is invited to the Erie Lutheran Conference Beach Service Sunday, August 9 at 10:00am at the Cookhouse Pavilion in Presque Isle State Park. We will gather for worship, fellowship, and food. If able, please bring a dish to share that does not require heating or refrigeration, such as breakfast rolls, fruit, or coffeecake. Lamb of God will provide juice boxes, and Mount Calvary will provide coffee and table settings. We are grateful for the opportunity to worship together in God's creation and enjoy fellowship in Christ. We hope to see you there!

Faith Formation

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. YOU are invited to join us on Tuesday, July 7. We are exploring *Belonging*, a study of the Woman at the Well by Karoline Lewis (you may have met her!). Books are available for purchase through the church office for \$15.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. B³ will meet each Thursday throughout the summer continuing with a study on the book of Revelation.

Mark your calendars for Adult Forum in July! *Revolution and Reformation: Lutherans at the Time of Independence.* We will join in the library between the services July 12, 19, and 26 to explore some important Lutherans and how Lutheranism had an impact during the struggle for independence. Sundays in July (except the 5th) 9:15-10:15am in the Library.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Mmmm, ice cream! Sundae Sundays are coming! Join us in the courtyard following the 10:30 service each Sunday in July for ice cream sundaes. A special and yummy treat for the summer.

Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise will be held Sunday, July 12 from 1:00-4:00pm in our parking lot. This is a fun afternoon for the entire family. Car enthusiasts will enjoy a variety of show cars along with DJ Bill Mason, Magic Steve, A Waffle Miracle Food Truck, a huge Chinese auction, 50-50 raffle and bake sale. Monies raised will benefit Shriners Children's Hospital and Luther Memorial's Youth. For more information, contact kenscarmacruise@gmail.com.

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, will meet throughout the summer from 5:30-7:00pm for planning of our upcoming service projects and some very creative ideas. L.I.A. is open to families and those looking to help with small hands on service projects. And it's a great opportunity to take care of those service hours many youth need. Be sure to check the bulletins for surprises all summer. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski as outings are also posted on the app. We're looking forward to see everyone this summer!

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us June 23 for knitting and crocheting. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will dine in style on the Victorian Princess on Wednesday, July 22. A delicious lunch will be served as we sail through Presque Isle beginning at 12:00 noon. Boarding begins at 11:15-11:30am (no later). Cost is \$44 per person. RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, by Friday, July 17 with payment.

For Your Health

No Strings Attached! Begin your journey and learn how to better manage blood sugars, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight with nutrition. The National Diabetes Prevention Program is offering this free one year “journey” on Thursdays at 10:00am in our parlor. One hour sessions will be held weekly for 3 months, bi-weekly for 3 months and monthly for 6 months. Delicious meals and free giveaways will be included throughout the one year journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve your health. If you were unable to attend the Discovery Session on June 18, but would like to take part in the journey please contact the Diabetes Prevention Program of The Sight Center at 814-455-0995, opt. 4 or contact Norma in our church office.

Items to Note

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

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.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	David Leemhuis
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Mary Mumford	Betty Pletz	
Friends and Family:			
Hannah Jacob	Gail Lesuer	Linda F.	Kris
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Mike	Ellie	Peggy S.
Erin N.	Peter Maker	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Jenny	Anthony Benacci	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family		
Grief:			
Chintalapalli family	Don MacGregor family	Bulos family	
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

21 June – Onesimus Nesib, translator, evangelist, 1931 – *Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.*

22 June – Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 16:1-5; Revelation 2:1-7

23 June – Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 25:12-18; Revelation 2:8-11

24 June – The Nativity of John the Baptist, the Forerunner – Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 141; Acts 13:13-26; Luke 1:57-80 – *John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.*

25 June – Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melancthon, renewer of the church, 1560 – Psalm 13; Micah 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6 -- *On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melancthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time. Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melancthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melancthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."*

26 June – Psalm 13; II Chronicles 20:5-12; Galatians 5:7-12

27 June – Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria – Psalm 13; Genesis 26:23-25; Luke 17:1-4 -- *Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.*



C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, JUNE 22	8:00am	LMA Summer Boot Camp
TUESDAY, JUNE 23	8:00am 10:00am	LMA Summer Boot Camp Magic Fingers Grace Group
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24	8:00am 6:30pm	LMA Summer Boot Camp Worship & Music
THURSDAY, JUNE 25	8:00am 12:00pm	LMA Summer Boot Camp Brown Bag Bible
FRIDAY, JUNE 26	8:00am	LMA Summer Boot Camp
SATURDAY, JUNE 27		

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026
THE 13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Worship will be held at Presque Isle, Shelter #1 (near bike rentals) at 10:30am. A picnic lunch and games will follow. The 8:15am service will not be held.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Elaine Kern
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Altar Guild	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Rob Cooney