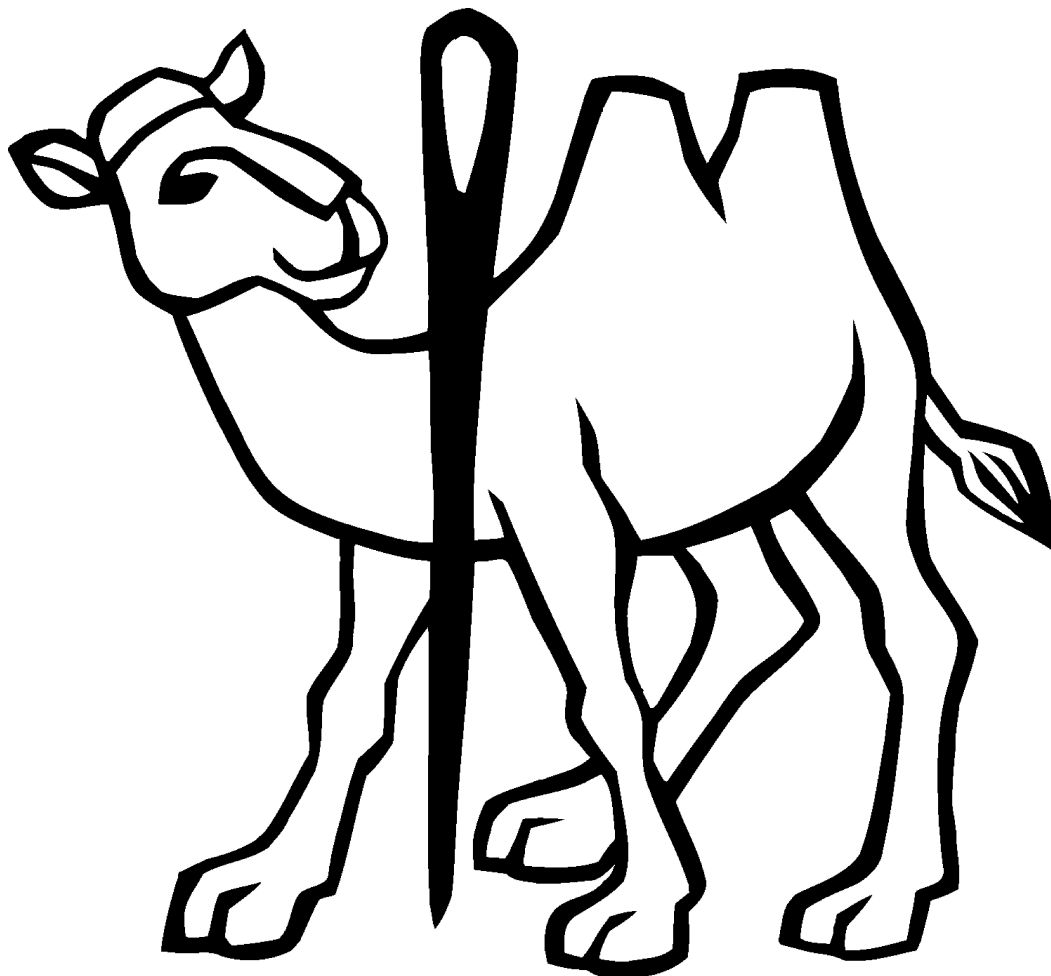


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



10 OCTOBER 2021
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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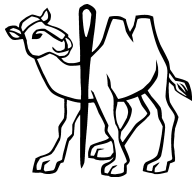
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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 8:15 & 10:30

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

PRELUDE – Variations on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Johann Gottfried Walther

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 marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.



P God our comforter:
C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
 We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
 We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
 We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
 Free us from our sin, gracious God.
 Listen when we call out to you for help.
 Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
 Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
 By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
 Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
C Amen.

Text for this hymn was written during World War I by a Congregational minister in Wales who was also a lifelong student of hymnology. The tune was composed during World War II, near Bristol, England, by a wartime religious broadcaster for the BBC.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 688

Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



Refrain
 Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860–1953, alt.
 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991
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GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE Luke 17:13

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY Ruth 2:4

P Let us pray,

C **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God’s call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God’s demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God’s wrath.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.



¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
 and take from them levies of grain,
 you have built houses of hewn stone,
 but you shall not live in them;
 you have planted pleasant vineyards,
 but you shall not drink their wine.
¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
 and how great are your sins—
 you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
 and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
 for it is an evil time.
¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
 that you may live;
 and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
 just as you have said.
¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
 and establish justice in the gate;
 it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
 will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

¹²So teach us to number our days
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
 Be gracious to your servants.**
¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
 and as many years as we suffered adversity.**
¹⁶Show your servants your works,
 and your splendor to their children.
¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
 prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

*We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable.
 Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them.
 Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.
¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

Please stand as you are able.

Text and music for this hymn were written by a contemporary liturgical composer, workshop presenter, and performing musician who graduated from Luther College in 1984. Much of his work has proved enormously popular in Roman Catholic churches. He has published over 250 pieces and twenty-four recordings.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 532

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.



**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain the Bethany Outreach Center and ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members and leaders to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died, especially Betty Sachrison Becker. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY – "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (*8:15 am Service*)

J. S. Bach

*Jesu, Joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

*Come with us, O blessed Jesus, with us evermore to be.
And in leaving now thine altar, let us nevermore leave thee!
Let thy bright celestial chorus, never cease the heavenly strain;
But in us, thy loving children, come with peace, good will to reign.*

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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C 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.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Holy God,
our bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

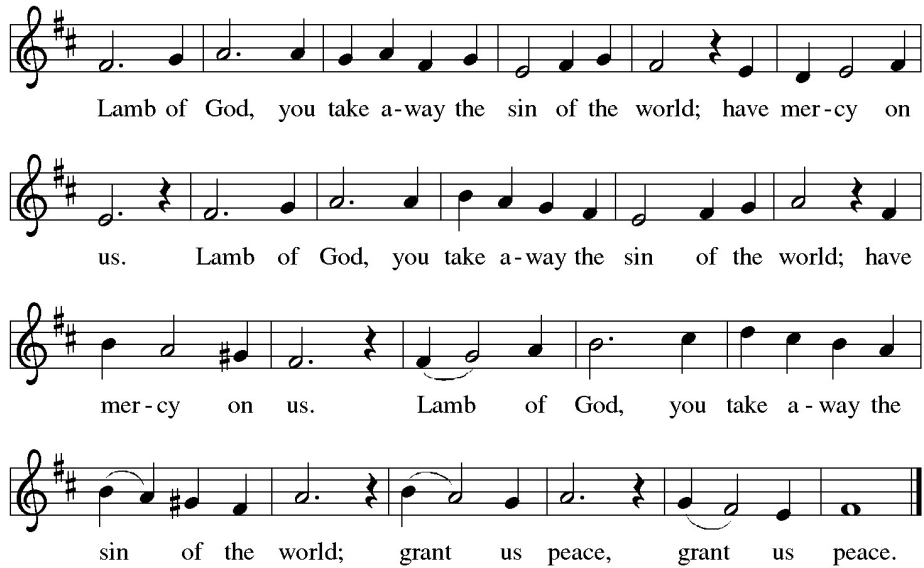
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☑ 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. *Matthew 6:9***

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 who hunger and thirst, come
the table is ready.
- ☑ **Amen.**
- ☐ Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(10:30 am Service)

The congregation is seated.

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

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font. Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray. Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.

If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION John 1:29

The classic marriage of words and music that characterizes German chorales can be seen well in this simple but intense text voiced by an already elegant tune. Text and tune evoke each other and reinforce the ardor of those who sing.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 775

Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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

BLESSING

P People of God,
you are Christ’s body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Text for this hymn comes from the pen of a distinguished American cleric, who wrote it for the opening of Riverside Church in New York City, which the congregation had built at his request. The composer of the tune was a Welsh coal miner and churchman, and the tune name honors his lifelong home, the Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire, Wales. The tune was written for a singing festival in Wales, and in the first 25 years of the 20th century it was used in over five thousand such festivals.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 705

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, serv - ing you whom we a - dore,
for the fac - ing of this hour, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Fanfare on "Lord of Light"

Charles Callahan

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING – Pastor Karen Lundwall

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

Dave Griswold (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Jane Moran (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Elaine Kern, Linda Young (10:30 am)



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Sachrison Becker by her daughters, Sally Allen and Nancy Benacci.

Offering plates are located at the doors. You are welcome to use the pew envelopes, designate how your offering is to be used and place in the plate following the service. Thank you.

Baskets are located at the doors for bulletins to be placed in following our 8:15 worship service. If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the basket. Thank you.

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.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel. Our worship services are also available on our Luther Memorial Church website. If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Norma Buerk in our church office.

Today’s Events

ReCharge contemporary service will be held this afternoon beginning at 4:00pm. Join us for a delicious catered meal, firepits to make your own s’mores and fun fall games to celebrate our 5th year anniversary. Our service of praise and song will be held from 5:00-6:00pm.

Worship

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Pictorial Directory

Pictures will be taken for a new Pictorial Directory beginning Sunday, October 17. We encourage everyone to have their picture taken so we have a new updated directory, which will also aid an interim pastor.

- Pictures will be taken in the church parlor following the 8:15 and 10:30am services.
- Pictures will also be taken during the week from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Please stop in our church office and Norma will meet with you to take your picture.
- We also welcome you to email or text pictures. Pictures may be texted to 814-450-7162 or emailed to nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes for grades 1-3 will be held this morning from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (this morning)
- Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (October 10)
- LYO – third Sunday of the month (October 17)
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (October 24)

Bibles will be presented to our third grade children on Reformation Sunday, October 31. Please contact the church office if your son and/or daughter are in the third grade and will be receiving their Bible on October 31. Thank you.

Music Ministry

Next **Sunday, October 17**, the Luther Memorial Concert Series will return with a popular offering from years past - the **Sunday Morning Mini-Concerts**. In a slightly revised format, soloists and small ensembles will present special music for the Prelude and Voluntary once a month. **Bob Banks** will be our first performer and will present several **soprano saxophone solos**. In subsequent months, we will hear other musicians from within our congregation. Plan to be in your seats early enough to hear the full 10-12 minute prelude on each of these Sundays. Finally, "thank you" to all who support the LM Concert Series through your donations, attendance and words of support.

Family Events

Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 24 in our Luther Memorial Church parking lot. This will be a super fun event for the entire family, safely held outside with all treats individually wrapped. We are hoping for full parking lot of cars filled with treats for our trunk-or-treaters. Set up will be at 12:30pm; the event will be held from 1:30-3:00pm. Decorate your car, wear a costume, and enjoy. Please RSVP to our church office by Wednesday, October 20 that you will be participating. Thank you.

Family Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, October 17 beginning at 12:30pm from our church. Be a super sleuth and use the clues to find your destinations. One of the stops along the way will be a "God's Work. Our Hands" small service project, which will also serve as an event for our confirmation students. The scavenger hunt will conclude no later than 4:00pm.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is the fun, relaxing and joyous way for a Tuesday to begin. Bring any knitting, crocheting, or crafty project you'd like to work on and enjoy a wonderful morning the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We look forward to seeing you on October 12 and 26 from 10:00am- 12:00 noon. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

OWLS will enjoy a fieldtrip on Wednesday, October 13 to the Watson-Curtze Mansion-Hagen History Center, 356 West 6th Street. We will be treated to a tour from 11:00am-12:30pm of the Frank Lloyd Wright Exhibit and Erie Canal Exhibit. Please meet at the parking lot located behind the Mansion at 10:45; parking is free. Cost of the tour is \$5/person. Masks are necessary for safety purposes. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Sunday, October 10.

Youth Fundraiser

Orders are being taken through Monday, October 25 for the famous Stanganelli's cookie dough, pies, cheesecakes, garlic knots, pepperoni balls and so many of their delicious goodies to satisfy your cravings. Order forms are available in the church office and at the hospitality tables. Your orders may be dropped off in the church office or with Beth Keller. Thank you.

Synod Celebration

NWPA Synod Fall Celebration will be held Sunday, October 24, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 800 Moran Street, Oil City. The musical prelude will begin at 3:00pm with The Festival of Word and Sacrament beginning at 3:30pm. This will be the first in-person gathering as a synod in over two years. Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin, President of United Lutheran Seminary will be preaching; Rev. Kimberly Hirsch of Lamb of God will preside. Join us for “We are Church, We are Called”. A light meal will follow; masks are required.

Luther Memorial Church Policy – Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines

In accordance with the Pennsylvania mask mandate in place, it is now necessary for all those worshipping at Luther Memorial Church wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. We are pleased and thankful that our members have been so cooperative during this difficult time and we thank you for your continued cooperation.



CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 <i>Columbus Day</i>		LMA & Church Offices Closed
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12	10:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group
	6:00pm	Church Council
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13	8:30am	School Picture Day
	11:00am	OWLS/Watson-Curtze Mansion
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Legos
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15		
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16		

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

Homemade soup will be available for purchase following the 10:30am service.

Confirmation classes will be held from 9:30-10:15am.

Family Scavenger Hunt will begin at 12:30pm.

- PRAYER LIST -

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Brent Young	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Tim Houston	Dave Mumford	Joyce Zwilling	

Friends and Family:

Cecily DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Loraine Pond	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
John & Naomi Howard	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Rich Hudic
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Katrina Foltz
Josie W.	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Hildy	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. F.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Conor Chadwick	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Michele Black	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Patty Meadowcroft	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Mike B.	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sonya Kiskak	Frank Nalepa
Scott Respecki	Bryan & Bev	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Sidney	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	John Wilson
Judy Oosterkamp	Amy	Patrick L	Pete Battersby
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Frank S.	Shelly	Jack Wong
Kim Robertson			

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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Grief:

Amy Peters Hoffer family	Wilda Sundberg family	Steve Narusewicz family
Leola & Ed Wiest family		