

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



23 October 2022
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 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 – "Sonatas in D Minor, G Minor & C Major"

Domenico Zipoli (1688 - 1726)

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

TEMPLE TALK

Randy Dehn

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,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P God of mercy and forgiveness,
C we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
 We have harmed your good creation.
 We have failed to do justice,
 love kindness,
 and walk humbly with you.
 Turn us in a new direction.
 Show us the path that leads to life.
 Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
 Amen.

P Beloved of God:
 your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.
 God points the way to new life in Christ,
 who meets us on the road.
 Journey now in God's abiding love
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Originally a tune to a 15th century folk song, this was adopted by the Bohemian Brethren for a 1566 hymnal. The tune was changed from folk use to church use.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 657

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the

might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:

show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566
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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.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
- ☑ **Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God’s power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

- ⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name’s sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.
- ⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
- ⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!



¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

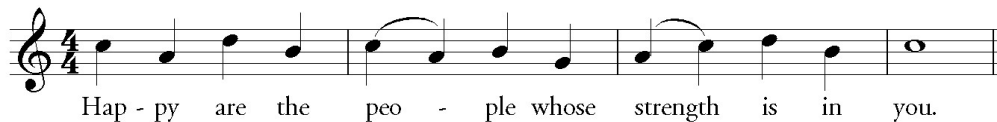
²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

□ The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-6 (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

²The sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

³Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you. **R**

⁴Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. **R**

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: *(Sung once by the choir, repeated by the congregation and repeated after the verse.)*



*All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.
(Luke 18:14)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy.
Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted
and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

Please stand as you are able.

*These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance
The text is effectively set to an anonymous American tune.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 588

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

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 In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare, especially Ukraine, Haiti, and Iran. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name now in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for Wayne Heidt, Jane Heidt, Bob Sadowski, and Marilyn Schultz, and all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

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

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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

“Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

Luke 21: 3-4

ANTHEM – “Blessed are the Pure in Heart”

H. Walford Davies

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ’s abode.*

*Still to the lonely soul he doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne, chooseth the pure in heart.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

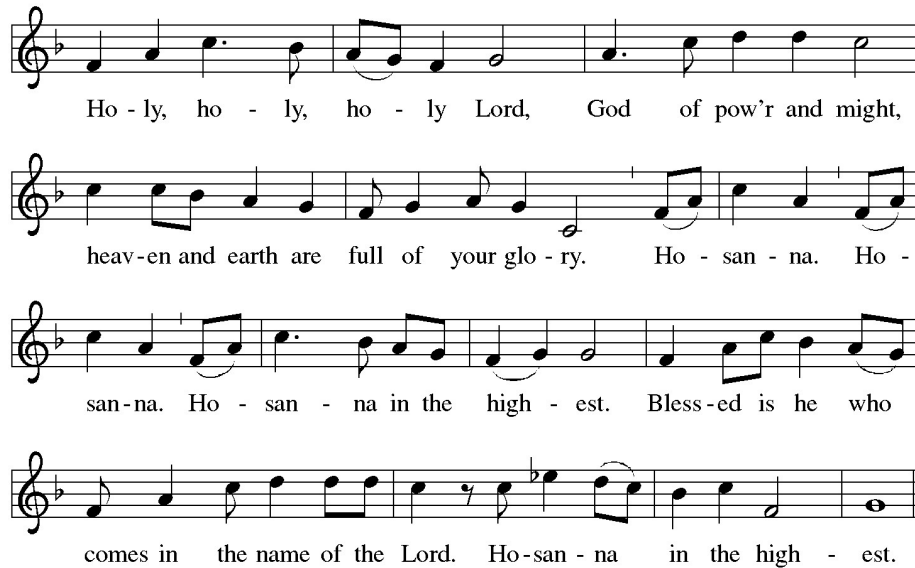
P Lift up your hearts.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

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

C Amen.

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

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen. *Matthew 6:9***

AGNUS DEI

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

C Amen.

P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

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.

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.

Take a cup and then return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

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

Born circa 375, this author was a brilliant man whose pedigree extended through 17 centuries. He became distinguished for his eloquence and philosophy. In 410 he was made Bishop of Ptolemais. His Odes in his Songs and Hymns of the Greek Christian Poets, 1876, contends that his tenth Ode "Lord Jesus, think on me," proves that he held the doctrine of the Resurrection.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 599

Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

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** God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING

- P** God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
C Amen.

The author of this hymn's text was born and educated in Holland, later moving to England and being ordained. He reports that it was written for a service to help people who had been divorced, and hopes it may be helpful in other relationships that have broken down. The tune is the work of a 19th century English organist and renowned editor of hymnals and other musical publications.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 603

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to
love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:
give us grace and make us still.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Sonata in F Major"

Domenico Zipoli

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Karen Lundwall

GREETER – Michael Snider

ACOLYTES – Gianna DiTullio, Kara Partusch

ASSISTING MINISTER – Liz Stroup

LECTOR – Cathie Meyn

USHERS – Pat Gilbert, Jesse Graffius, Elvin Montero, Stan Rose,

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my father, Wayne Heidt, and my sister, Jane Heidt, by Ann and Gary Flick.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Bob Sadowski who died Monday, October 10, 2022. Bob was the brother of Kevin Sadowski, our Cantor for many years.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Marilyn Schultz who died Sunday, October 16, 2022. Marilyn was the sister-in-law of Lois Schultz.

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!

Our Prayer Lists are ever-changing and we do a daily check on all those listed. Please remember to contact Linda Graffius at 454-0106, ext. 229 or lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org if you have someone to be removed or added to the prayer list.

Today's Events

Confirmation students will meet for their final class this morning at 11:30. Our 10th grade youth will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 30.

Blood pressure tests are offered in the library following the 10:30 service this morning.

Trunk or Treat fun is in store for everyone beginning at 12:30 today. Join us in our Luther Memorial Church parking lot for a howling good time with your family and friends. All treats are individually wrapped. Set up for the cars will be at 12:00 noon; the event will be held from 12:30-2:00pm. Get your costumes and come on down for some treats! Thank you.

Worship

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

Christian Education

Children's Church will have a different schedule beginning Sunday, November 13. Prek - Kdg., 1st - 3rd grade and 4th - 6th grade will all meet on the second Sunday of the month from 9:30 – 10:15am. Our youth in grades 7 - 12 will continue to gather on the third Sunday of the month; the time will be determined.

Teachers and helpers are needed for our Children's Church classes. This will only be the second Sunday of each month. If you are able to help monthly or on a rotating basis it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office with any questions. Thank you.

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on Reformation Sunday, October 30 during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in our church office by Monday, October 17 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. Our outdoor work is nearly complete for the year so we have some extra time to knit and crochet. Join us October 25 for to visit, chat and knit. 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.

OWLS will gather for a unique history lesson on Wednesday, November 16 as we welcome Sabina Freeman from the Fairview/Girard Historical Society. She will share the history about the B'nai B'rith Orphanage that was built in Fairview in the 1900's. Please join us at 11:30am and bring a bag lunch. Reservations are appreciated to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Sunday, November 13.

Outreach Opportunities

LYO has begun preparing Thanksgiving dinner bags which will be distributed to help families that need a little "lift". Items being collected are:

Cranberry sauce/gravy

Stuffing mix

October 30: Boxed mashed potatoes

November 6: Juice (in plastic bottles)

November 12: Sweet potatoes (canned) – last day to donate all items.

Donations may be dropped off in the church office or in the box near the welcome table. After the final collection date of November 12, the LYO will shop for the remainder of needed items. Thank you so much for your help with this project.

A beautiful hand painted chair is being raffled off with all proceeds to assist those affected by Hurricane Ian. All donations will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Donations to Lutheran World Relief are also accepted. Tickets will be sold through Sunday, October 30. Our winner will be notified promptly. Thank you.

Family Christmas Dinner will be served to area neighbors on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00pm at the Bethesda Center, 18th and Walnut Street. This is the 24th year that St. Matthew's began the tradition of serving a Christmas dinner to those in need, and we now continue to share that Christmas spirit. Monetary donations are needed to purchase hams, scalloped potatoes, green beans, beverages and paper products. Donations of cookies are also needed. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located at the welcome table as approximately 20 people are needed to assist beginning at 5:00pm that evening. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate marked "Family Christmas Dinner" or dropped off in the church office. Please feel free to contact our church office with any questions. Thank you.

The 2022 Bethany Bash Bingo will be held on October 30 at the Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd St. This is the major fall fund-raiser for the Bethany Outreach Center. Tickets are \$25 each and include 10 games of Bingo with cash prizes of \$100 and finale of \$300. Besides Bingo, there will be other games of chance such as a Basket Auction, Tips, 50/50 and Pull Tabs. **Doors open at noon and Bingo starts at 1:00pm. Don't miss the fun!** *Tickets are available from Norma during the week, and in the parlor this morning. Please see Pat Bellingham or Eric Hedlund. Tickets will also be available at the door on October 30 -- the day of the Bash.*

Safety Preparedness

Active Shooter and Stop the Bleed Training will be offered Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00pm at the Erie County Department of Public Safety Building, 2880 Flower Road, Erie. Learn what to expect in an active shooter event and how to react. Participants will learn three (3) quick actions in order to save a life. Registration is necessary by Friday, November 4 by calling 814-823-5205.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional.

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.

Thank you to everyone for their support, cards, memorial gifts and many hugs we received in honoring our mother and grandma, Dorothy Overberg's, life.

*Beth, Jerry, Tyler & Anna Keller
Katrina & John Overberg*

– BULLETIN PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Arden Fetcko	Martha Stickner	Walt Gaber	Jan MacInnes
C. Noelle Partusch	Dave Parsh	Bill Grande	Mark Howell
Chickie Braine			
Friends and Family:			
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.
Eli Martinez Montero	Mary Correll	Larry Lechner	Amy Clark
Eddie 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	Marilyn Hahn	Sue O'Mahony
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Nicole Frank	Brittani H.	Christine Norris
Grief:			
Dorothy Overberg family	Jeff Benson family	Robert Sadowski family	
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24	6:00pm	LMA Legos
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26	11:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm	LMA Dismissal LMA Legos Worship & Music Newsletter Mailing
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27	5:30pm 6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28	1:30pm 6:30pm	LMA Halloween Parade LMA Middle School Dance
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29		

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Pastor Karen Lundwall will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

Confirmation breakfast for confirmands and family.

Bethany Bash held at Polish Falcons with Bingo beginning at 1:00pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Jennifer DiTullio, Mary Mumford, Stan Rose