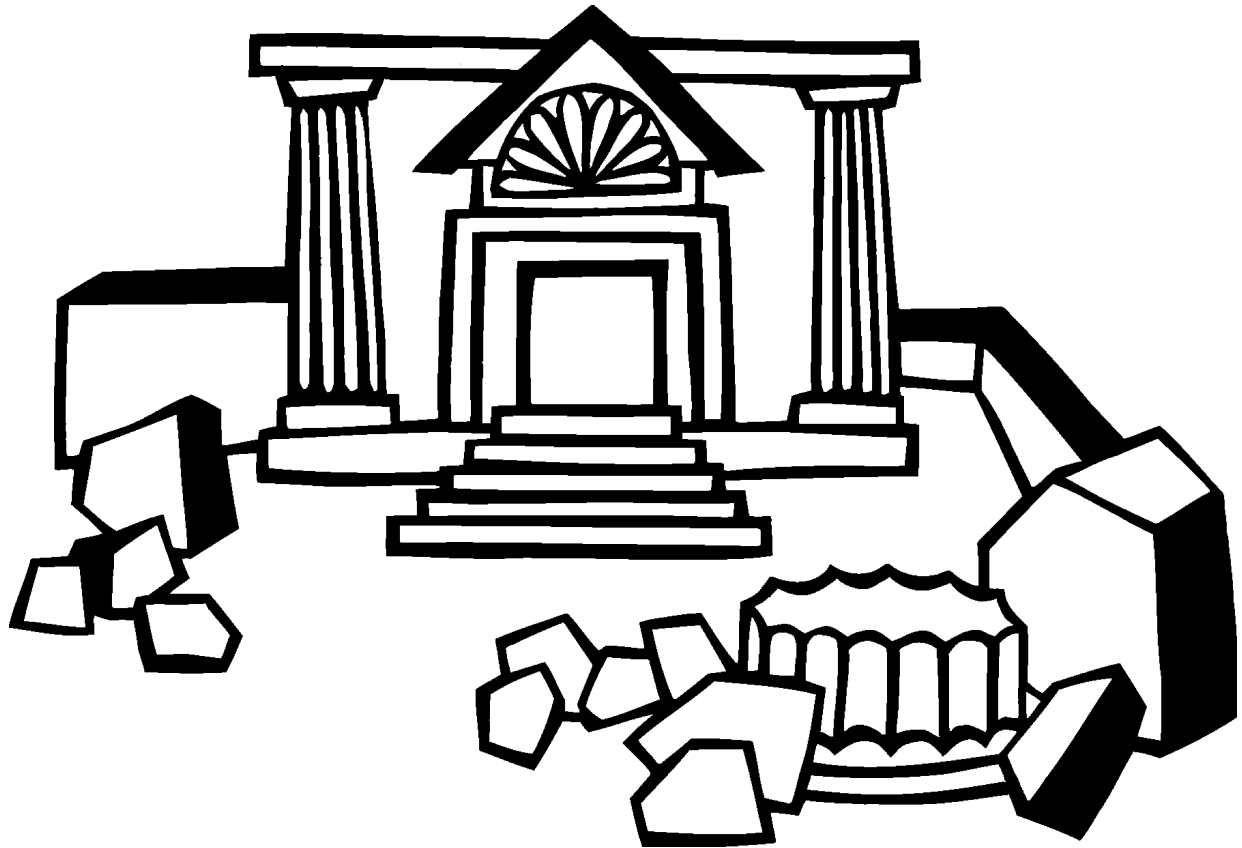


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



14 NOVEMBER 2021  
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 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 – “This is My Father’s World”**

Prelude and Toccata on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

III Thanksgiving

arr. Robert A. Hobby

arr. Wayne Kerr

arr. Charles Callahan

### 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.*

☞ In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



- P** Have mercy on us, O God.
- C** We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.  
 We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.  
 We have sought glory for ourselves  
 and have treasured that which does not satisfy.  
 Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send,  
 and to treasure mercy and justice.  
 Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
 and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

- P** God, who makes all things new,  
 forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake  
 and remembers them no more.  
 Lift up your heads and your hearts.  
 Yours is the kingdom of God.

**C** Amen.

*The author of this hymn text is a great favorite among Scandinavians Christians.  
 Originally published in a longer version, it was later revised and abbreviated by the author.  
 The tune, the first by the composer, was written for this text and published in 1840.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### Built on a Rock

ELW 652



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."

**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*

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**    *Ruth 2:4*

**P** Let us pray,

**C** Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God’s revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

**FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 16** *(Spoken responsively by whole verse.)*

- <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- <sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**
- <sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who up-hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.
- <sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ’s death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God’s promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25**

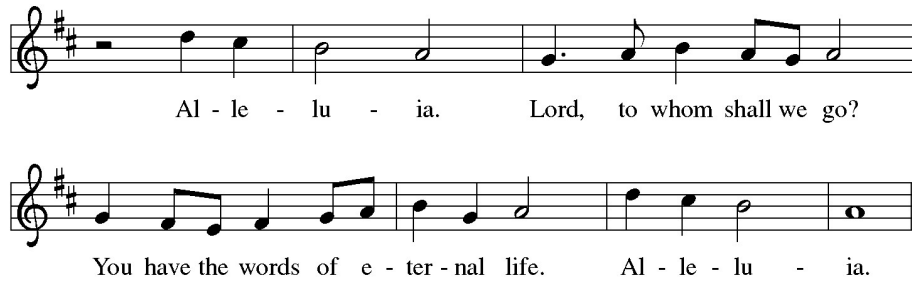
- <sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,
- <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”
- <sup>17</sup>he also adds,  
“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”
- <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]
- <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

### GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Michael Snider

*Please stand as you are able.*

*This Danish hymn came into widespread use in the English-speaking church through the work of the translator. The original author achieved distinction as a poet in Denmark.  
The melody is taken from an anthem by a well-respected Welsh composer.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 327

### Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.  
Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- ☐ In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. ►

*A sponsor presents the candidates with these words:*

I present **Noah Alexander Montroy, Elijah James Montroy and Ezra Lee Montroy** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

- P** In Christian love you have presented these children for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for them instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

- R** I do.

## **THE PRAYERS** *1 Timothy 2:1*

- A** Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

- A** God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, 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. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- A** God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved, especially Jax Stone and Lavanda Schaaf. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.





**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.*

**P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

**P** Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**C** I do.

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.



**P** **Noah Alexander**, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**P** **Elijah James**, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**P** **Ezra Lee**, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Noah Alexander**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Elijah James**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon **Ezra Lee**: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C** **Amen.**

*The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.*

**P** **Noah Alexander**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*The sponsor responds: "Amen."*

**P** **Elijah James**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*The sponsor responds: "Amen."*

**P** **Ezra Lee**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*The sponsor responds: "Amen."*

*A lighted candle is given to the sponsor of the baptized.*

**P** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**P** O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand.*



- P** Through Baptism God has made these children members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **VOLUNTARY – A Gaelic Improvisation**

Charles Callahan

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

- A** Holy God,  
the earth is yours and everything in it,  
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.  
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,  
and strengthen us to be your body for the world  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Matthew 21:9*

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

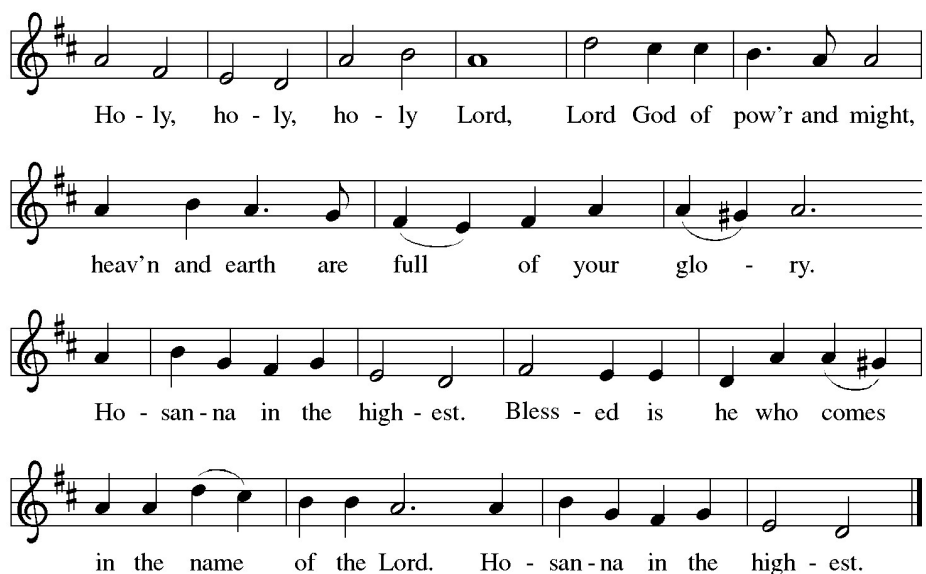
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**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. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels 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

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

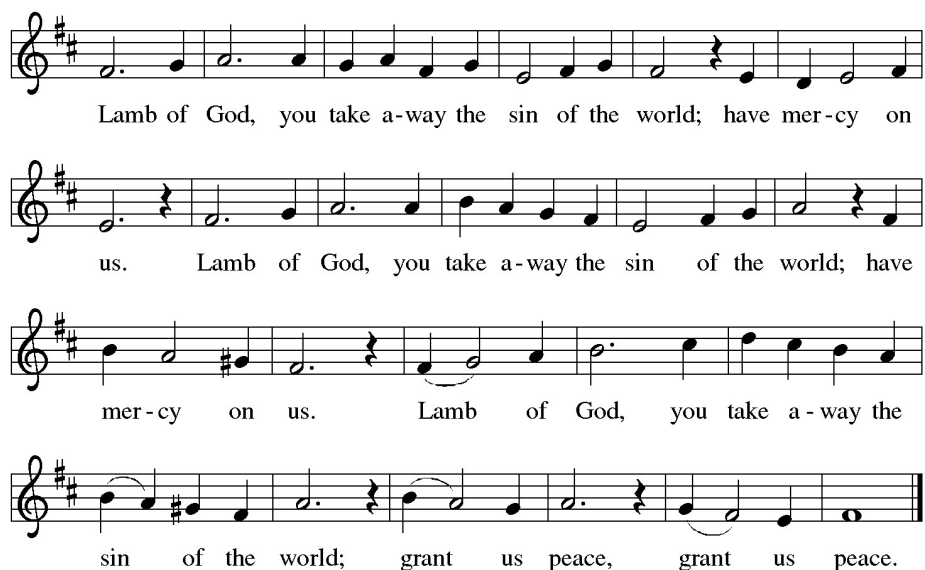
**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** A feast of love is offered here  
for you and for all the saints.
- C** Amen.
- P** 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

*This hymn is taken from a twenty-six stanza poem of uncertain origin but sometimes ascribed to Augustine. The anonymous hexatonic melody is thought to be a variant of some old folk air, probably of Scottish or Northern English origin.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 628

### Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?  
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!  
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;  
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;  
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.  
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.  
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.  
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.  
 Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

*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** Blessed Jesus,  
 at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.  
 Now send us forth to extend our tables  
 and to share your gifts  
 until that day when all feast together  
 at your heavenly banquet.

**C** Amen.

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

## BLESSING

**P** God, the beginning and the end,  
 who has written your name in the book of life,  
 ☩ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
 from this time forth and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

*This hymn is the work of an illustrious hymn writer who also held an unofficial title as London's leading Dissenting minister. He wrote over 600 hymns, including a collection of Psalm paraphrases from which this hymn is drawn. The tune first appeared anonymously but its composer was named in a later publication.*

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 848

### Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and

truth are all and his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.

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

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Led on by the saints before us,  
go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – Recessional on “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

arr. Mark Sedio

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING* – Pastor Brian Moran

*PREACHING* – Michael Snider

*ASSISTING MINISTERS* – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)

Lois Smith (10:30 am)

*LECTOR* – Lynnette Gustafson (10:30 am)

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

*COMMUNION ASSISTANTS* – Dave Griswold, Stan Rose (10:30 am)



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory Jax Stone, who at the age of 9 gained his wings on July 27, 2014, passing away from DIPG, brainstem glioma. Flowers are given by his family, Tara, Steve, Colton and Cameron Durian and Jordan Stone.

**Lectern flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lavanda Schaaf by Joe Schaaf.

**Noah Alexander Montroy, Elijah James Montroy, and Ezra Lee Montroy** will be welcomed into the Fellowship of Luther Memorial through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning. Noah, born July 29, 2018; Elijah, Born December 20, 2017; and Ezra, born July 24, 2020, are the children of Preeya (Chintalapalli) and Dennis Montroy and brothers to big sister, Cecilia.

**Thank you** to Jamie Emerson for serving as our organist this morning.

### **Today's Events**

**ReCharge contemporary service** will be held today beginning with a Thanksgiving meal and fellowship at 4:00pm. Our worship service will begin at 5:00pm in the fifth floor worship area. Please join us as we lift our songs in praise and thanksgiving.

**Pictures** are being taken this morning for a new Pictorial Directory. We encourage everyone to have their picture taken so we have a new updated directory, which will also aid a new pastor.

- Pictures will be taken in the church parlor following the 8:15am service by Cindy Hedlund. See Cheryl Brown to take your picture following the 10:30 am service.
- 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](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org).

### **Stewardship**

**Is giving only good for the receiver?** – *“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, . . .”* II Corinthians 9:11. The Apostle Paul continues his lesson on giving to the Corinthian church, and to us, by pointing out that we are blessed by our own giving. To be sure, we rejoice when any needy cause that is supported by our giving benefits, but it should also be clearly understood that giving is also good for us, the givers. There are many Scripture passages (including the one cited here) that make it clear that God will replenish us with even more than we give away, if we will just give with a thankful heart.

### **Christian Education**

**Children's Church classes** are held Sunday mornings 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 (December 5)

**Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (November 14)**

LYO – third Sunday of the month (November 21)

Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (November 28)

### **Music Ministry**

**Next Sunday**, November 21, the **Lake Erie Choral Artists** will present a concert of choral music entitled "Lift Every Voice & Sing." LM choristers **Molly Gaber**, a long-time member of this group (*formerly known as the Erie Renaissance Singers*) and **Jonathan Gaber** will sing on this program of choral works by Brahms, Stanford, Forrest, Whitacre, Willan and others at **4:00pm** in the **Cathedral of St. Paul**, 134 West 7th Street. The concert is free and open to the public - donations accepted.

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** will meet Monday, November 22 to work on a special Christmas project. Join us from 10:00am – 12:00 noon to get creative. We will not meet on Tuesday, November 23. Our normal gatherings will resume in December, meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. 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 receive important information as Kathy Sahlmann, a pharmacist, presents a drug program on Tuesday, November 16. Bring along a list of medications you currently take and Kathy will be happy to answer any questions. We will gather in the parlor at 11:00am and are looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, November 12.

### **Outreach**

**Thank you** to everyone who donated items for the Thanksgiving baskets which our youth will assemble on November 21. These baskets will be delivered to some families who could use a little assistance.

**“Kids for Kids”** annual collection will take place through Sunday, December 5. All money collected will be used to help families in need during the Christmas season. Monetary donations are appreciated and may be dropped off in the church office or placed in the offering plates at the church doors. “Kids for Kids” baggies are also located at the welcome tables. Thank you.

**Special delivery** of Thanksgiving dinners will be offered by the Sisters of St. Joseph and Gannon University on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25. A free meal will be delivered to anyone in need. To arrange for a meal, please call 814-836-4198 from 9:00am-12:00 noon. Orders will only be taken during this time. Flyers are located at the welcome tables.

**Many military** servicemen and women are unable to be home for the holidays. We want them to know they are in our thoughts and prayers and would like to send them some comforts of home and good wishes. If you have a loved one serving in the military, please contact our church office with the name and mailing address so we can send them a care package. Thank you.

### **Christmas Worship**

**Blue Christmas** service will be held Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00pm in the main church. Experiencing the loss of a loved one, struggling with an illness, or the loss of job can be very difficult and Christmas is a time when reassurance is needed. In response to our need of hope, we invite you to join us for the Blue Christmas service; a time of comfort, warmth and love.

**St. Lucia Festival** will be celebrated during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, December 12. Our worship service will include traditional songs of the St. Lucia Festival. We are looking forward to our children taking part in our service and celebration of St. Lucia. A rehearsal for our children will be held Sunday, November 28 at 11:30am in the main church.

### **Support through Fundraisers**

**Orders** are being taken through Sunday, December 5 for Gahr’s Hamloaf. Locally owned in Titusville, this will make the perfect Christmas dinner. 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.

**Stanganelli orders** will be delivered to the church on Friday, November 19. If you would like to pick up your order on Friday, please contact the church office to be sure they have been delivered. Thank you.

**Bethany Outreach Center Fundraiser** will be held on November 27. The 7:00pm Erie Otters game is designated as “Bethany Outreach Center Night”, where they will be promoting our BOC in various ways. Along with that we have a group of 100 good seats in sections 112 and 212 near the Otter’s “Attack Zone” designated for our BOC group. We would love it if you and your family would like to join us! Tickets for \$20 each – which includes a \$10 donation to the BOC. To purchase tickets for this game, please see or contact Eric Hedlund (814-898-1233, [eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org](mailto:eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org)), Casey Hedlund (814-590-3817, [cfye161@gmail.com](mailto:cfye161@gmail.com)), or Pat Bellingham (814-602-5983, [pat.bellingham@hotmail.com](mailto:pat.bellingham@hotmail.com)).

### **Christmas Preparations**

**Hanging of the Greens** will take place Sunday, November 28 following worship services. The main church will be decorated beginning at 11:30am. Please join us while we come together and put the *Merry* in Christmas.

**Luther Memorial Church and Luther Memorial Academy** invite you to enjoy a Christmas Wonderland Drive-thru in our parking lot during the evening on Wednesday, December 15; the time will be announced. We welcome everyone to stop down, enjoy all the decorations and get that wonderful Christmas feeling. If you have extra lights or large outdoor decorations you would like to donate for our Wonderland, please drop them off in the church office. 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.

#### **Looking Ahead**

**Desk calendars** for 2022, compliments of Burton Quinn-Scott Funeral Home, are available at the hospitality tables. Please take a few for your 2022 schedules.

#### **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 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15</b>	6:00pm	Legos
<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16</b>	11:00am	OWLS
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17</b>	3:00pm	School Board
<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18</b>	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Legos
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19</b>		LMA Picture Retakes
<b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20</b>		

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021** **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**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](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

**Confirmation class and LYO** will be held from 9:30-10:15am.

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

**Blood pressures** will be offered in the library.

**VASA** will meet at 1:00pm in the parlor.

**— 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
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Tim Houston	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	

**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	Shelly	Rich Hudic
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
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.
Bob Fisher	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Dick Lechner
Conor Chadwick	Karen Botwright	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Sue Agens	Bob Fisher	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Ron Trisket	Sidney	Frank Nalepa
Pastor Albert Gesler	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Logan
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Noni Bennett	Sophia		

**Grief:**

Collins & Walter families	Betit family	Lucia Doyle family
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**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson
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