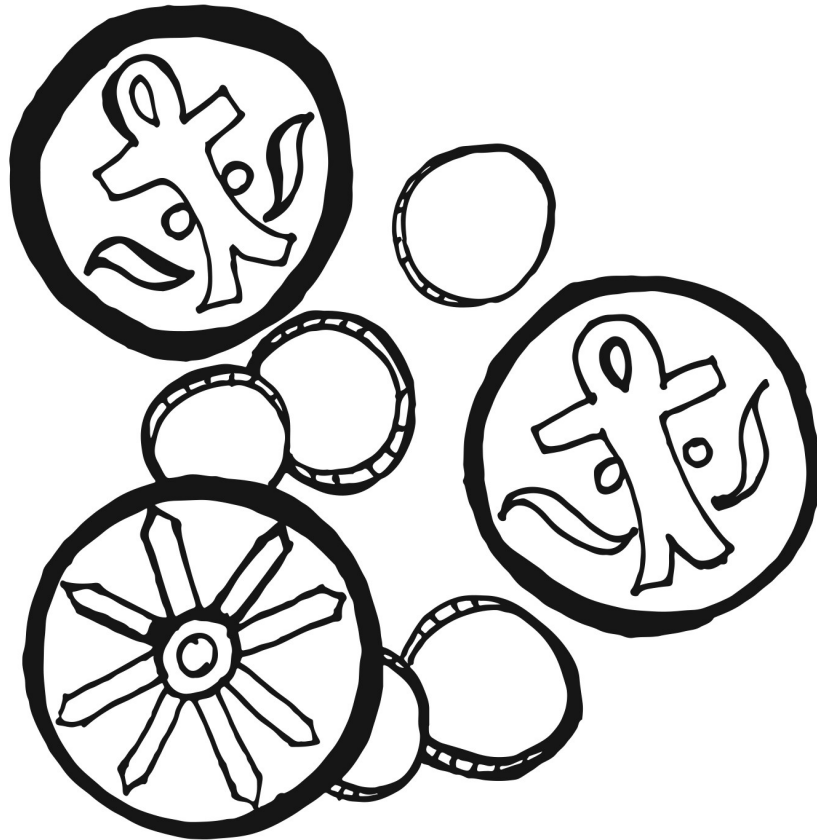


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



23 OCTOBER 2023  
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am

*When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**22 OCTOBER 2023**

**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Holy Communion • ELW – *Of the Land and Seasons* • 10:30**

*Luther Memorial Church and Academy is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people, people of the Six Nations Treaty, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.*

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

**PRELUDE – “Short Pieces for Organ”**

Herbert Colvin

1. *Fanfare*
2. *Benediction*
3. *Plaintive Song*
4. *Chorale*
5. *Introduction and Ricercar*
6. *Festal Processional*

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is 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 now confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*



**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
 We have squandered your bountiful gifts.  
 We have considered the blessings of the harvest our due.  
 We have been indifferent in planning and planting  
 for the future needs of the church.  
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
 Forgive us, cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts,  
 and wisdom to mature in our minds,  
 so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
 and by his authority, I therefore proclaim to you the entire forgiveness  
 of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Text for this hymn is the work of one of the great hymn-writers of the ages, whose total output was over six thousand hymns. He was ordained in the Church of England and with his brother John, ministered to the Moravians. The tune's publisher borrowed the melody from either Franz Josef Haydn or his younger brother Johann Michael.*

**GATHERING SONG**

**ELW 825**

**You Servants of God**

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and

broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: LYONS, atr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

## 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

Choir

We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords, make  
 plow-shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

All

Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have  
 mer - cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Choir

Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -  
 -til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

All

Chrst, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have  
 mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.



Choir



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

All



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

*Moses successfully interceded with God to accompany Israel to the promised land after their sin with the golden calf. In response to a request to display the divine glory, God recites a sentence that appears frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures: “I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious.” Moses is not allowed to see God’s face, but only God’s back.*

### FIRST READING:

*A Reading from Exodus 33:12-23*

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ <sup>13</sup>Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people.” <sup>14</sup>The Lord said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” <sup>15</sup>And Moses said to the Lord, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” <sup>17</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” <sup>18</sup>Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” <sup>19</sup>And the Lord said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord,’ and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But,” the Lord said, “you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live.” <sup>21</sup>And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup>then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 99**

**Refrain:** *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)*



- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the people tremble.  
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.
- <sup>4</sup> O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. **R**
- <sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.
- <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD;  
they called upon you, and you answered them,
- <sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- <sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One. **R**

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

**SECOND READING:**

*A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God, the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, dear family beloved by God, that God has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God ► from idols to serve a living and true God <sup>10</sup>and to wait for God's Son from heaven, whom God raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

## GRADUAL HYMN



1 O God, whose word well-plant ed yields fruit a hun-dred-  
2 O God of seed and har vest, of sun and soil and  
3 O God, your fi - nal har- vest of his - t'ry's an - cient



fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to  
rain, at - tend the word we sow, lest its  
field will test with truth the proud - est that



those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness  
plant - ing be in vain. Send show - ers of your  
hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will



scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where  
Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace, that  
van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease; and



oth - ers, reap - ing, gath ered the har - vest of their toil.  
mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions.  
First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

### GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup>The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to Jesus, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "Caesar's." Then Jesus said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. The composer of the tune is uncertain, but it was published in New York in 1850.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 686

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
 Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

APOSTLES' CREED

**A** Together, let us confess that faith into which we are baptized:

**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

**A** Trusting in the transformative power of God’s loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

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

**A** Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,

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

**A** Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. Accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants, for the good of your people. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,

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

**A** Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering, especially Lois, Abbie, Dave, Ann, Pat, Phil, Rose-Marie, Jean, Jeannette, Ian, Carol, John, Jeff, Nick, Howie, Melissa, Jim, Allison, Audree, Melissa, Scot, Robin, Mark, Bonnie, Suzie, Doug, Jenine, Lisa, Brian, Scott, Cindy, Jane, Mitchell, Matt, Michael, Andrew, Alli, Ben and those whose names and needs we lift up now: \_\_\_. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,

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

**A** Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,

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

**A** Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness, especially Adam Surovick and James Hammond, and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,

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

**A** Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you.

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

*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:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

**ANTHEM – "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

Augustus Toplady / Thomas Hastings

*(Refer to verses 21 & 22 of this morning's first reading about the protective "cleft of the rock.")*

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

*Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship  
grew in your good plea sure. What once was com - mon,  
lift in prayer be - fore you, Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

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. Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are found in loving you rather than earthly treasure. For your glory and to give us the fullness of life and salvation, Christ emptied himself upon the cross and was raised in power to sit at your right hand. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

Choir

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the  
 2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes  
 3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the  
 flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels  
 oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.  
 flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.  
 shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain

All Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's  
 glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

☐ Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant Creator:  
for you scatter abroad and give to the poor;  
you provide seed to the sower and bread for food:  
Let the peoples praise you:  
for you called Israel to be your chosen people,  
and preserve your world and scatter it abroad.  
Let the peoples praise you:  
for when time had ripened, you sent the Word, your Son, into the world,  
so that all might have life and have it abundantly.

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, how he fed the hungry and gave company to outcasts;  
how he healed the sick and freed those in bondage;  
how he taught and guided those who were seeking you;  
how he was handed over and gathered in for our sake;  
how he was resurrected as the first fruits of the dead,  
and how he promised to return for the great harvest home;  
we give you thanks, not as we ought, but as we are able.

Send, we pray, your Spirit into this meal.  
Supply our needs, and those of all your saints,  
and fill us until we overflow with thanksgiving.  
Empowered by this meal, enlivened by your Spirit,  
move us to glorify you in faithfulness to the gospel  
and in generosity to all in need.

United by your Spirit with all your people,  
we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
to you, our God now and forever.

☐ **Amen.**

## OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

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

☑ **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

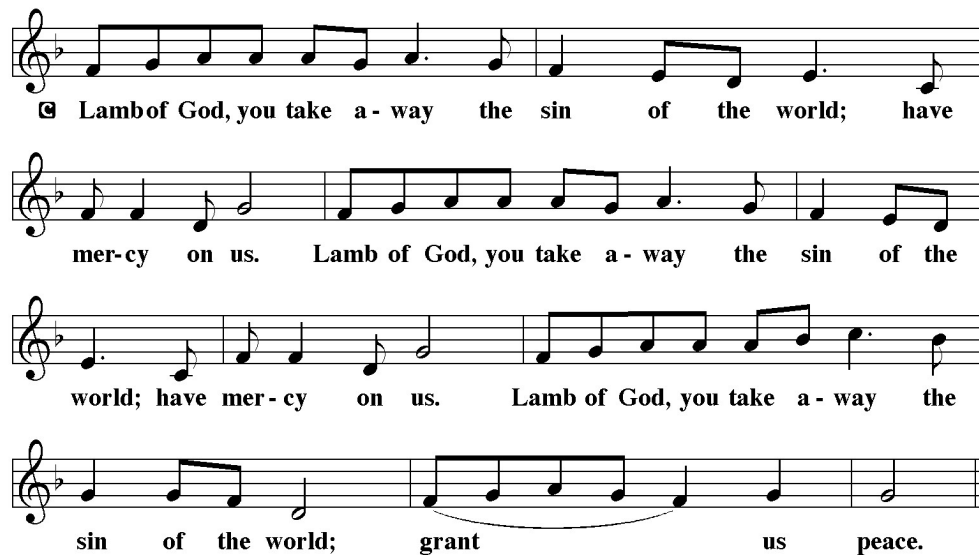
**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us;**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. 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

☐ Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.

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

*The congregation is seated.*

## SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

## COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!  
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

*Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.*

*Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.*

*White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.*

*Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.*

*As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.*

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,  
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

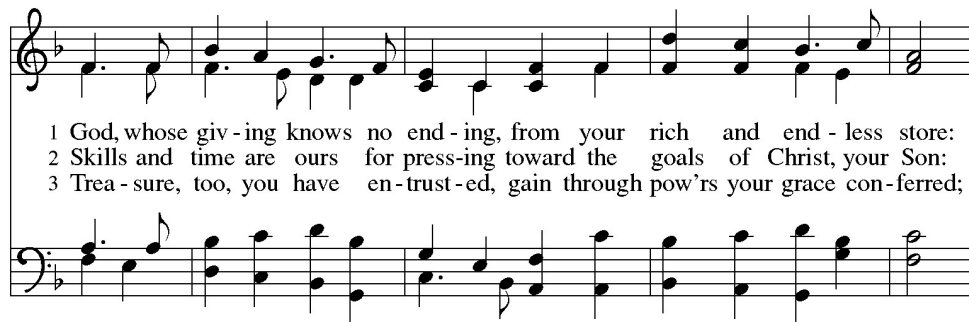
*The text for this hymn, originally written for a different tune, was submitted to a  
Hymn Society of America competition for stewardship hymns and subsequently published.*

*The pointed text is well served by its expansive Victorian tune,  
named for the town in Sussex where the distinguished composer lived in his later years.*

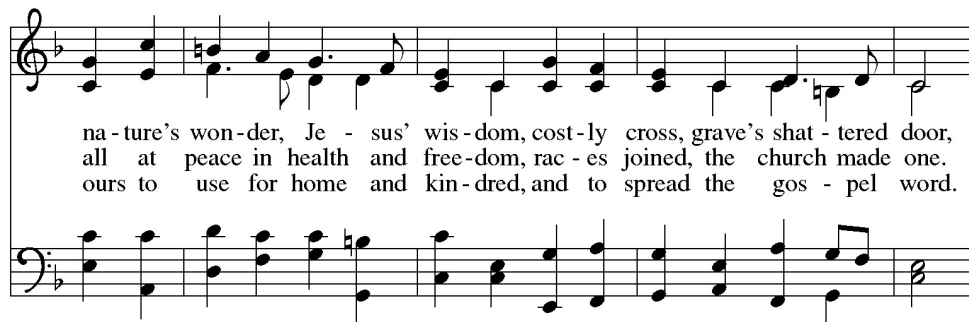
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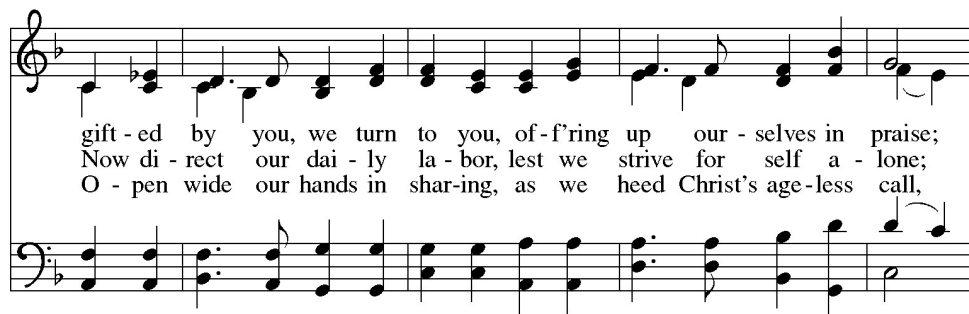
### God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store;  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son;  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,

thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.  
 born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006  
 Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918  
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### We Sing Your Praise for Autumn's Glow

1 We\_\_ sing your praise for au - tumn's glow, for\_\_  
 2 We\_\_ praise the\_\_ Fa - ther, praise the\_\_ Son, and\_\_  
 har - vest\_\_ yield from spring - time seed; up -  
 praise the\_\_ Spir - it, with the throng of\_\_  
 -on our\_\_ hearts\_\_ your grace be - stow till\_\_  
 saints and\_\_ an - gels, joined as\_\_ one in\_\_  
 faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed.  
 grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### TABLE BLESSING

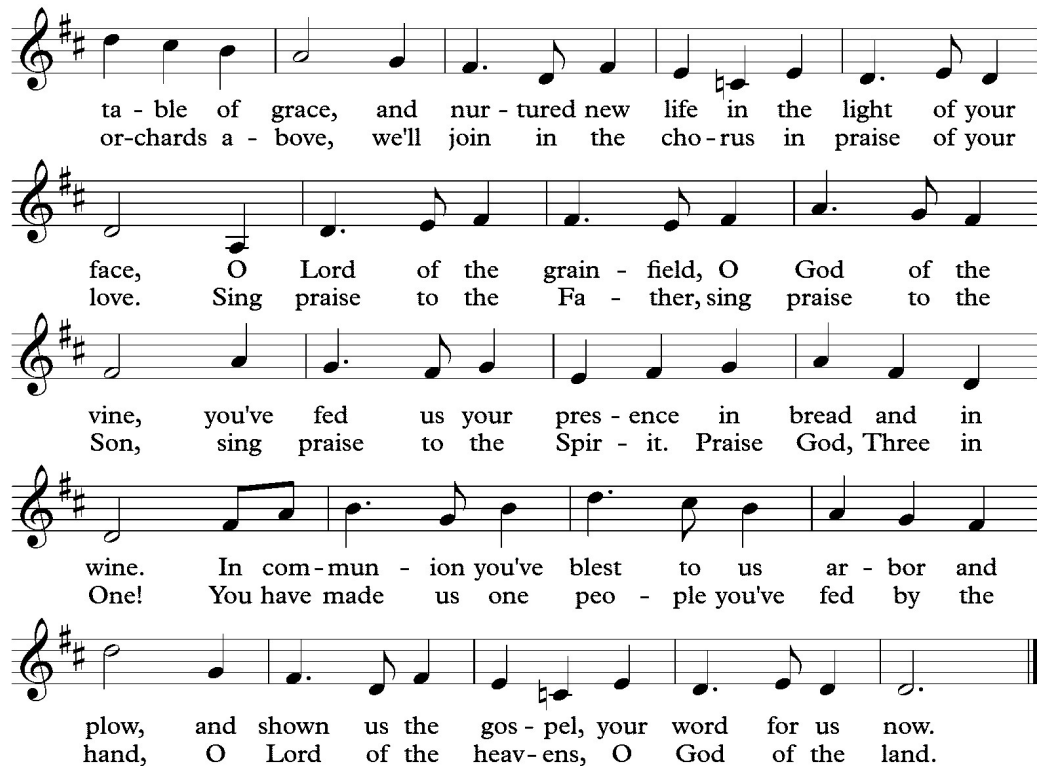
☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,  
 keep you in all goodness and health,  
 and bring you to everlasting life.

☑ Amen.

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

1 O\_\_ Lord of the blos som, O God of the seed, O gra - cious pro -  
 2 O\_\_ Lord of the har - vest, O God of the feast, where sor - rows are  
 vi - der for all hu - man need, you havenour - ished our faith at your  
 van - quished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your





ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your  
or - chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho - rus in praise of your  
face, O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the  
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the  
vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in  
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in  
wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and  
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the  
plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.  
hand, O Lord of the heav - ens, O God of the land.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture.

We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us.

Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you  
and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

**P** The God of glory,

✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,

and the Spirit who lives in you,

bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.





*This text was written for this tune to supply a text for worship rather than the patriotic one associated with it in England. Its author, a 20<sup>th</sup> century priest of the Church of England, wrote over 200 hymns. The tune is taken from the "Jupiter" section of the composer's orchestral suite The Planets.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 880**

**O God beyond All Praising**

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,  
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;  
for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,  
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end;  
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown;  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still;  
we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,  
we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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**DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE**

- A Go in peace. God is at work in you.
- Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE – "Trumpet Tune in B-flat"**

Henry Kihlken

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*GREETER* – Gina Snider

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Julie Ditz

*LECTOR* – Les Fobes

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Jeanne Gaber

*LIVESTREAM CAMERA* – Nick Lang

*ALTAR GUILD* – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

*USHERS* – Diana Alvaro, Sue Cappelletty, Lynnette Gustafson, Betty Pletz



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Adam Surovick and James Hammond by Bridget & Riley Surovick and Janet Hammond.

**Today's Events**

**Adult Forum** will gather at 9:10 this morning.

**Blood pressures** will be offered in the library following the 10:30 service this morning.

**Confirmation class** will meet at 11:30am.

**Calling All Trunks!** Decorate your car trunk, fill it with treats and join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trunk-or-Treat in our parking lot this afternoon. Car set-up will be from 12:30-1:00pm. Treating is held from 1:00-2:30pm. Halloween fun with music by DJ Mason, dancing, costume parade and more. Great treats come out of the trunk of your car! It's sure to be a howl of a good time!

**Greeting cards** can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

**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**

**Bibles** will be presented to our third grade children on All Saints' Sunday, November 5. Please contact the church office if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. If your child has not yet received a Bible, please let us know so a Bible can also be presented to them on November 5. Thank you.

**Where Is Pastor Jay?**

**Pastor Jay** would love to meet with you! You don't just need to have an emergency to have a great chat. If you want to get together, because Pastor Jay is often away from his desk doing other pastorly things, you should probably call the church office or e-mail Pastor Jay directly at [JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org](mailto:JMitchell@LutherMemorialOnline.org). However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of October 23, Pastor Jay's drop-in hours will be Monday 8-9:30 at Pressed Coffee Shop (8<sup>th</sup> and Greengarden) or Wednesday 4-5:30 in the office.

**Stump the Pastor**

**You will notice** a stand in the parlor lobby with many tree stumps on it. You (whoever you are of all ages) are invited to use these to try and stump Pastor Jay. You may ask your question anonymously or you can put your name on the stump. Either way, look for Pastor Jay's response once your stump "sprouts" a tree!

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**OWLS** are getting a headstart on Christmas on November 21 when Pastor Jay joins us and shares the history of Chrismons. We may even get a little creative and make one of our own. Join us from 11:00am – 1:00pm as we discover some interesting facts about the Chrismons we use to decorate our church trees. All are asked to bring a bag lunch. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, November 17.

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** gathers in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for knitting and crocheting. We'll be meeting and visiting on October 24 from 10:00am-12:00 noon for a creative and fun morning. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

## Paving Project

**Parking** has improved dramatically with the addition and improvements made over the last few weeks. We continue to ask for your financial support as our Capital Campaign moves forward. Additional commitments are needed as we look to fulfilling our financial goal. Your help and all that you do at Luther Memorial is appreciated; thank you.

## Community Outreach

**Our youth** are gathering needed items which will be given to the City Mission as a Holiday Donation. Contributions will be accepted through Wednesday, November 15 and may be placed in the marked box located near the parlor. Items needed are: cough drops, hand sanitizer, tissue packs, toothbrushes, scarves, soap, shampoo conditioner, razors, socks, hats, gloves. Thank you.

## Faith Formation

**B.A.D.** (*Bible After Dark*) will be held on November 1 at 6:30pm at the Brewerie. Join together with folks from Mt. Calvary as we share in Bible Study and fellowship (with some adult beverages if you would like). Every **first** Wednesday, we will gather to share from *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups* and discussion of what these stories we learned in Sunday School still mean for us today. RSVP is not necessary but helpful. Let Pastor Jay or the church office know if you're interested.

**ALT Worship** (*A Lutheran Table*) will gather on November 8 at 5:30pm. The service will be about 60 minutes and center around sharing a meal. We will begin by preparing the meal and the worship space together and end with dessert and clean-up. All part of the worship experience. We will also share in Communion. Come on out for something new and a unique encounter with the Divine!

**Dinner With Our Flock**, a relaxed evening together, will be held on Wednesday, November 15. At 5:30 we gather for dinner; the main dish is provided, please bring a dish to share. A Bible lesson and a craft or activity will be held following our meal. Held the third Wednesday of the month, this is a wonderful time for everyone.

**Cash Bingo** will be held Sunday, November 5. Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo beginning at 12:30pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$20 each and available on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

## Items to Note

**In case of an emergency** and unable to reach Pastor Jay, 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.

## WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

**October 23 – James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62** -- Acts 15:12-22a; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 13:54-58; Psalm 1 -- One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a *historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.*

**October 24** – Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24

**October 25** – Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27

**October 26 – Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters** – II Chronicles 20:20-21; Psalm 96; Ephesians 5:18b-20; Matthew 13:44-52 -- *These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.*

**October 27** – Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

**October 28 -- Simon and Jude, Apostles** – Jeremiah 26:1-16; Psalm 11; John 4:1-6; John 14:21-27 -- *We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.*

### – PRAYER LIST –

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Ann Flick	Rose-Marie Rose
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Pat Gilbert	Phil McAfee	
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Mitchell & family	Jean C.	Jeannette Bowers	Ian Minner
Carol E.	John Semonis	Jeff Granger & family	Nick
Howie	Melissa	Jim Berger	Jane Rose
Allison, Audree & family	Melissa Pierce	Scot & Robin	Mark Hadzega
Cindy B.	Scott Coleman	Bonnie Ford	Suzie Hosterman
Doug & Jenine			
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 23</b>	4:00pm	Girl Scouts
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24</b>	10:00am 10:00am	Study Group for Pastors Magic Fingers Grace Group
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25</b>		Newsletter Mailing
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26</b>	1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Grief Support Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27</b>	1:30pm 6:30pm	LMA Halloween Parade LMA Halloween Dance
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28</b>		

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 THE FEAST OF THE EVER-REFORMING CHURCH

**Worship** with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel or 10:30am in the main church.

**Confirmation Breakfast** at 9:30am for confirmands and their families.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Kate Martin
Acolytes	10:30am	Chloe Meucci, Jake O'Brien
Banner Bearer	10:30am	Carlo Cimino
Streamer	10:30am	Cecilia Montroy
Communion Assistants	10:30am	Carlo Cimino, Ely Cooney
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Pam Masiroff
Livestream Camera	10:30am	Christy Adams
Greeter	8:15am	Jean McMillin
	10:30am	Pat Young
Counters	10:30am	Dave Griswold, Mike Hedlund