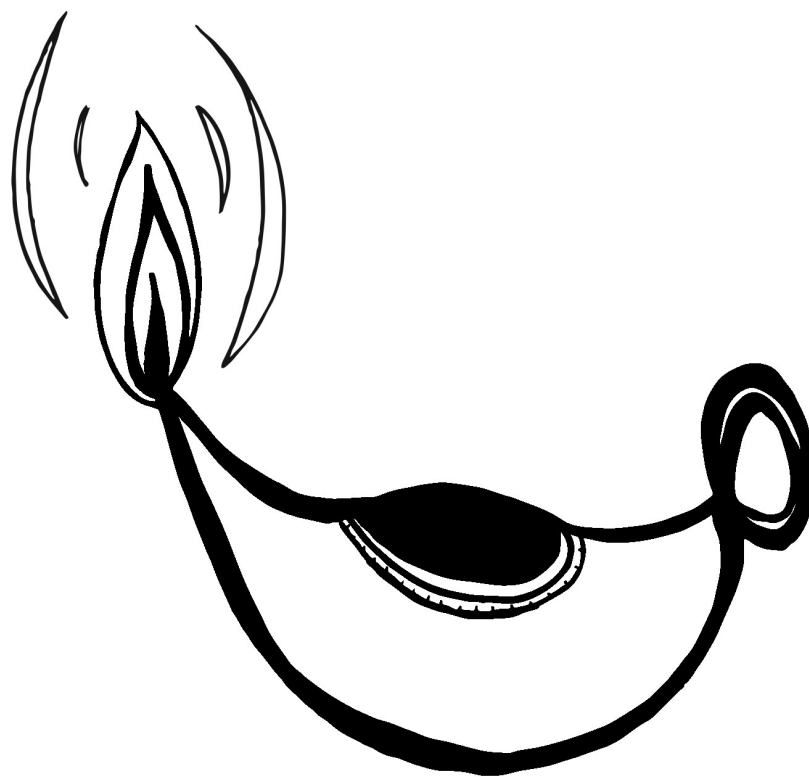


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



12 NOVEMBER 2023
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am

Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

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Holy Communion • *The Deutsche Mass* • 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.”

SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY & FRIENDS PRELUDE –

Barb Moore, flute

Flute Stylings of Contemporary Hymns - arranged by Joel Raney

"As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom

"He is Exalted / Great Is the Lord"

Twila Paris / Michael W. Smith

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

Michael W. Smith

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty

"On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas

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

CORPORATE 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,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

☒ **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.



P Holy One,
C we confess that we are not awake for you.
 We are not faithful in using your gifts.
 We forget the least of our siblings.
 We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
 We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.
 Open our hearts to your coming,
 open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
 open our hands to serve your creation.
 Amen.

P Beloved, we are God's children,
 and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
 Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
 by † Jesus you are welcome,
 in † Jesus you are called to rejoice!
 Let us live in the promises prepared for us
 from the foundation of the world.

C Amen.

*Based on Matthew 25:1-14, this hymn text is the work of one of the best hymn-writers of the Pietistic period.
 The hymn tune is a Swedish folk melody, associated with the Swedish version of this hymn.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - rejoice, re - rejoice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f' rings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;
 the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing night.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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

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



¹⁷ The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of wisdom,
¹⁸ and love of wisdom is the keeping of wise laws,
and giving heed to wise laws is assurance of immortality,
¹⁹ and immortality brings one near to God;
²⁰ so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom. **R**

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, dear family, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For that very Lord, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: (Sung by all before and after the choir chants the verse.)

(All)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
(Matthew 24:42)*

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“The dominion of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the ►

bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Sir, sir, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³“Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

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

Text and tune for this “King of Chorales” were written by a Lutheran pastor from the German state of Saxony. The melody appears to be based on an earlier German song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 436

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite
 Music: WÄCHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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NICENE CREED

- A** Let us confess the faith of the Church.
- C** We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.



**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**



A O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day especially Lois, Abbie, Dave, Pat, Ann, Phil, Rose-Marie, Cyndi, Mitchell, Carol, Howie, Allison, Audree, Doug, Jenine, Jean, John, Melissa, Scott, Doug, Jeannette, Jeff, Jim, Scot, Robin, Bonnie, Lisa, Ian, Nick, Jane, Mark, Suzie, Taleya, Melanie, Matt, Ben, Michael, Andrew, Alli, and those whose names and needs we lift up now: ____. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you, especially Jax Stone and Lavanda Schaaf. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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



*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.*

*He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 691

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
Text © 1990 and arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

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

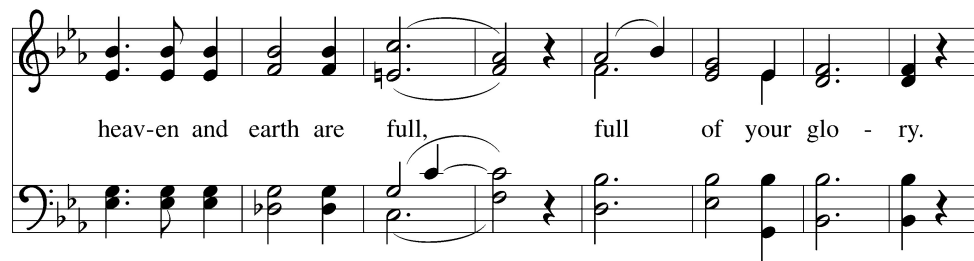
P It is, indeed, right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

SANCTUS

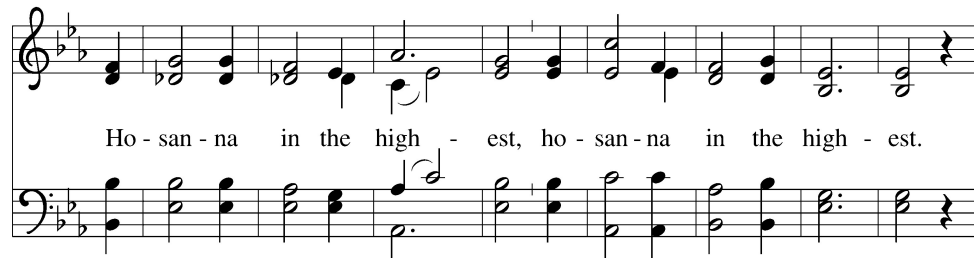
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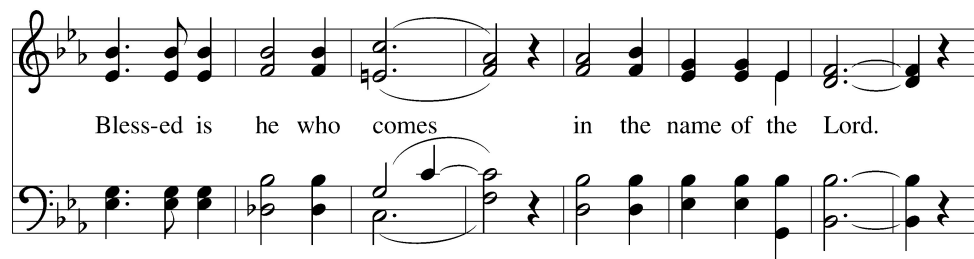




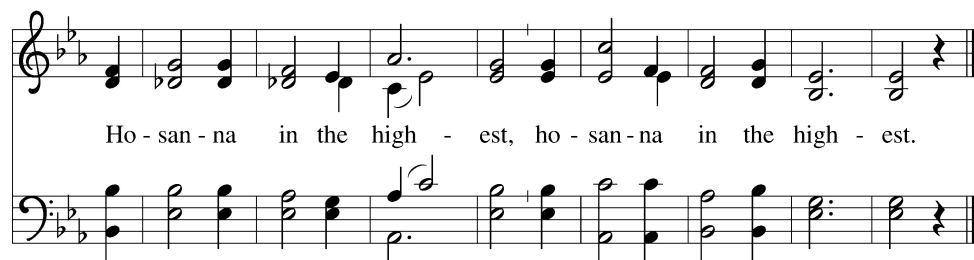
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: we who are surrounded by evil and bordered by death appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

*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, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world. Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ. ►

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

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.' written below the notes.

OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

- ☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation is in treble and bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.' written below the notes.

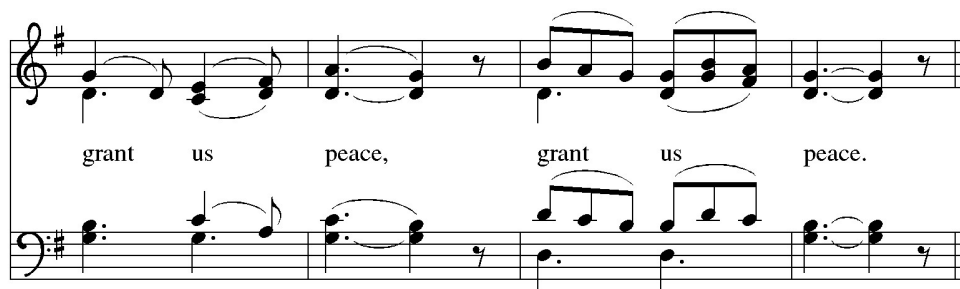
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

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Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

The musical notation is in treble and bass clef, key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,' written below the notes.





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.
- ☐ 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.*

FLUTE VOLUNTARY – "Lamb of God"

Twila Paris; arr. Joel Raney



This hymn imagines the assembly gathered for worship, bringing their whole lives with them—their joy and their pain. The text was commissioned by the First Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee, Florida, to honor its pastor, Brant S. Copeland, and was first sung there in October 2000.

The tune was created specifically for this text. There might be some who feel unworthy because of their sin, but Jesus assures them they are welcome: “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners” (Mark 2:17).

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

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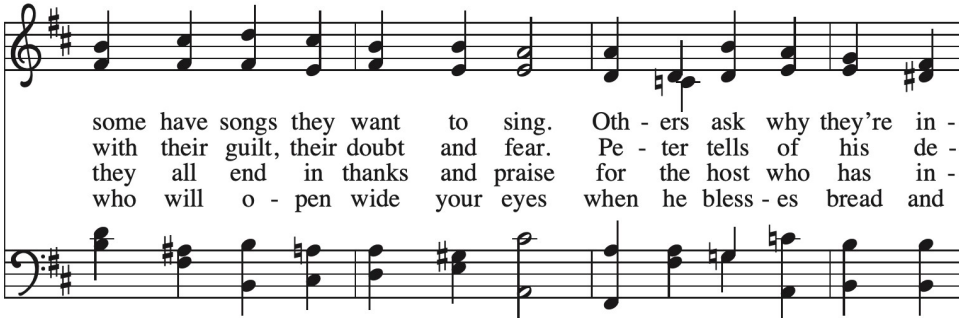
Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table



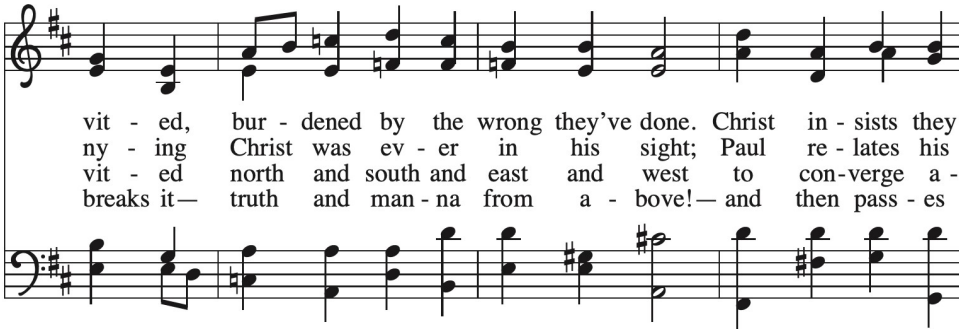
1 Look who gath - ers at Christ’s ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f’rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they’re in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they’ve done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing, Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945
Music: COPELAND, Michael Corzine, b. 1947
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One of the earliest lyricists for Roman Catholic liturgical music in English, this author got his start in music publishing after World War II when he brought home music he had discovered in Holland. The interest of U. S. parishes in this music led to his creation of the World Library of Sacred Music, which eventually become World Library Publications.

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW 518

Refrain

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis - dom, are
giv - en here a taste of the king - dom. To - geth - er
joined, the great - est and the least, we all are
one at Wis - dom's ho - ly feast.

1 Wis - dom calls through - out the cit - y, knows our
2 Sim - ple ones whose hearts are yearn - ing, come and
3 En - ter with de - light and sing - ing, for her

hun - ger, and in pit - y gives her lov - ing in - vi -
gain from Wis - dom's learn - ing; bread and wine she is pre -
rich - ness now is bring - ing us this joy - ous cel - e -

Refrain

ta - tion to the ban - quet of sal - va - tion.
par - ing, know her lov - ing in the shar - ing.
bra - tion; eat and drink in ju - bi - la - tion.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997
Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946
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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

ELW 501

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Come with us, O bless-ed Je-sus, with us ev-er-more to be. And, in leav-ing now thine al-tar, let us nev-er-more leave thee! Let thy bright ce-les-tial cho-rus nev-er cease the heav'n-ly strain; but in us, thy lov-ing chil-dren, come with peace, good will to reign.'

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891
Music: WERDE MUNTER, Johann Schop, 1600–1665; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☐ Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

☑ Amen.

Please be seated.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Stan Rose

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

☐ May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

☑ Amen.

Often presented as a choral piece, this African American spiritual based on Jesus’ parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids (Matt. 25:1-13) has the sound of urgency that the words express. As is true of many traditional songs, you can find variations on the stanzas that have developed over years of singing that enable the song to fit a particular context.

SENDING HYMN

ACS 949

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Refrain

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;
chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *BlumenStrauß (Musical Bouquet)* "Prelude No. 6 in F Major"

J. C. F. Fischer

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETERS – Ann Flick, Linda Graffius

ACOLYTE – Jack Bartlett

ASSISTING MINISTER – Pat Bellingham

LECTOR – Pam Masiroff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Tom Klomp

INSTRUMENTALIST – Barb Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett

USHERS – Marshall & Mitchell Boyd, Betty Pletz, Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our son, Jax Stone, who passed away at the age of 9 on July 27, 2014. Jax would have been 19 on November 11, 2023. Flowers are given by his family; Tara, Steve, Colton and Cameron Durian and Jordan Stone.

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

The prelude to the 10:30 service this morning will be presented by **Barb Moore** on flute playing arrangements of several "contemporary" hymn tunes. The **Luther Memorial Concert Series** hosts the "**Second Sunday Family & Friends Prelude**" series. On the second Sunday of each month, October through May, the prelude to the 10:30 service features instrumentalists, vocalists and dancers, highlighting the talents of members within our fellowship - congregational musicians as well as others who have a close association with Luther Memorial.

Today's Events

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

"A Reading from Wisdom..." This week we have two readings from a section of scripture known as the Apocrypha. From the Greek meaning "shrouded" or "mysterious" it is not the content that is shrouded or unknown but rather the source. These texts in the Apocrypha have been included in the Bible from the very first canon created in 382. However, later Christians wondered about their inclusion because they are stories of the Hebrew people but their earliest source material is written in Greek which seemed strange to these Christians since they expected them to be written in Hebrew. For that reason, later Protestant Christians removed the Apocrypha, or what some call the Deutero-Canonical Books (secondary-canon). Luther translated these books of the Bible and even wrote prefaces for them. He held them in esteem, but because of their clouded source did not hold them as strongly as the canon of the 66 books of the Protestant Bible. We read from these books as continued witness to the Word of God.

Altar flowers are available on Sunday, November 19. Please contact the church office if you would like to place flowers on the altar. Thank you.

Beginning with the new church year, which begins December 3, you will notice our prelude begins at the same time each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshipping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A reminder that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

Stewardship

The church year ends on November 26, Christ the King Sunday. Our tradition at Luther Memorial has been to pause on that Sunday to consider our financial support of ministry for the coming year and to submit a commitment of our intention to do so. We urge you to complete a pledge card and return to church on or by November 26. Our worship service on that Sunday will include a prayer of dedication of all commitments. God has blessed Luther Memorial Church beyond measure and God rejoices in our promise to participate in God's mission through our worship offerings.

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. However, if you just want to drop in on him, for the week of November 12, you can find him at the Pressed Books and Coffee House (8th Street & Greengarden) from 8:00 – 9:30am.

Opportunities for Fellowship

OWLS are getting a head start 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 November 14 and 28 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.

Faith Formation

Adult Forum gathering on Monday, November 13 will be held at **2:00pm** on the fifth floor.

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.

B.A.D. (*Bible After Dark*) will be held on December 6 at 6:30pm at the Brewerrie. Our evenings are a wonderful time of fellowship as we gather with folks from Mt. Calvary to share in Bible Study and fellowship (with some adult beverages if you would like). Every **first** Wednesday, we 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 the second Wednesday of each month beginning January 10, 2024 at 5:30pm. The service is about 60 minutes and centers around sharing a meal. We 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!

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!

Holiday Preparations

St. Lucia Festival will be held Sunday, December 10 at 4:00pm in our main church. To make this a spectacular program three rehearsals will be held on the following Sundays at 11:45am: November 19, November 26 and December 3. Numerous roles are available for our young children and youth such as Lucia's Attendants, Baker Boys, Swedish Boys and Girls, Tomte and Narrators. Please contact Lynnette Gustafson, 814-464-3827; Cheryl Brown, 814-897-8118; Pat Bellingham, 814-528-5675; or the church office for more information.

Hanging of the Greens will take place on the First Sunday in Advent, December 3, following services. Many hands make light work as we prepare our space in anticipation of Jesus' birth!

Blue Christmas Service will be offered Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00pm in our main church. For many the holidays are a difficult time, and we invite you to join us for this special service to hear a message of hope and love. A reception will be held in the parlor following the service. The service will be live streamed and will also be available on our website the following day.

Hamloaf is back for Christmas and a variety of sausage flavors are available as well. Hamloaf is wonderful for an easy meal. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, December 3 with pick-up on Sunday, December 17. Keeping it local, Gahr's Hamloaf is located in Franklin, PA. Order forms are available at the hospitality tables and the church and school offices.

Youth Events

Christmas Extravaganza will be held Friday, December 1 for youth in grades 6-12. Join us for all the festivities from 5:30 – 10:00pm. We've got food, games and surprises that will keep you smiling all evening; sure don't want to miss it! RSVP to Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Prylinski or the church office by Wednesday, November 30.

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.

Sisters of St. Joseph will be offering a Thanksgiving dinner by delivery only on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. There is no cost to receive a meal, although monetary donations are appreciated. Sit down and take-out meals will not be provided. To receive a meal, please call 814-836-4198 on Tuesday, November 14 from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. This will be the only day that reservations for meal delivery will be accepted.

LMA News

Orders will be taken for Happy Mug, organically grown coffees, through November 28. Happy Mug is based in Edinboro and offers a variety of flavors. Orders will be delivered before Christmas. Cost is \$10 for a 12 oz. bag. Payment is due upon order; checks made payable to LMA PTL. Order forms are available at the hospitality tables, church and school offices. All proceeds will benefit LMA school programming. Thank you.

LMA Lego League is in need of a volunteer to oversee this program. First Lego League has become an opportunity for our children in grades 4-8 that inspires innovation with fun, hands-on science, technology, engineering and math activities. Centered around a yearly theme, students build and code a Lego robot to complete tasks in a robot game, research a real-world problem and develop a solution. Please contact Mrs. Thom, LMA school administrator, for more information.

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.

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Ann Flick	Rose-Marie Rose
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Pat Gilbert	Phil McAfee	Cyndi Treiber
Friends and Family:			
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	Doug Blum	Lisa Davis	Taleya Jackson
Melanie Benn			
Grief:			
Tony Partusch family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

November 13 – Psalm 63; Amos 8:7-14; I Corinthians 14:20-25

November 14 – Psalm 63; Joel 1:1-14; I Thessalonians 3:6-13

November 15 – Psalm 63; Joel 3:9-21; Matthew 24:29-35

November 16 – Psalm 90:1-12; Ezekiel 6:1-14; Revelation 16:1-7

November 17 – Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, 1231 – Isaiah 53:6-11 (Or Tobit 12:6b-9); Psalm 146:4-9; Matthew 25:31-30 -- *Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.*

November 18 – Psalm 90:1-12; Ezekiel 7:1-9; Matthew 12:43-45

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13	2:00pm	Adult Forum
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14	10:00am	Bible Study for Pastors
	12:00pm	Deborah Circle
	3:00pm	W/ELCA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15	5:30pm	ALT Worship
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16	11:30am	LMA Early Dismissal
	1:00pm	Grief Support Group
	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17		LMA Closed
	6:30pm	Club 50
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18		

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

LYO will meet at 9:30am.

Blood pressures will be offered at 11:30am in the library.

St. Lucia rehearsal will be held at 11:45am in the main church

VASA will meet at 1:00pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Elaine Kern
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Loretta Deeds
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Gina Snider, Liz Stroup