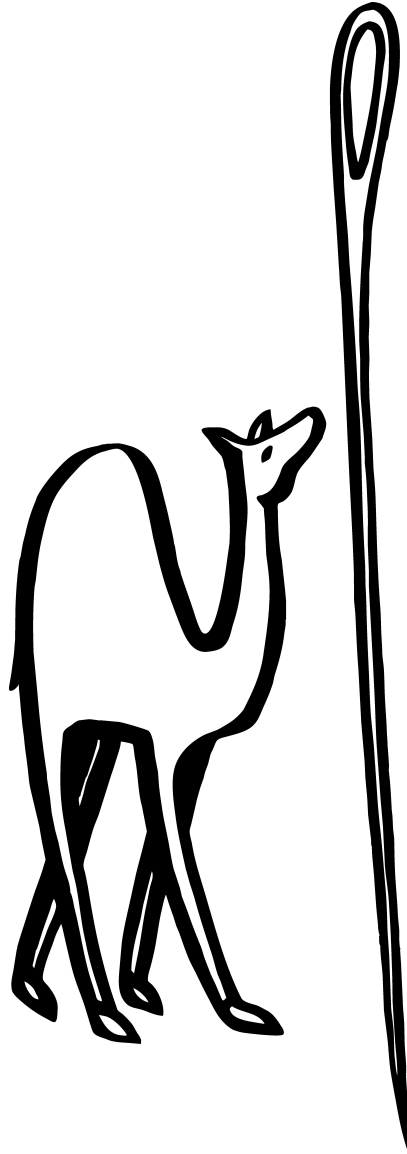


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



13 OCTOBER 2024
The Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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Youth and Family Ministry

JAN MACINNES

Care Ministry

WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

TOGETHER WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children's** bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for “Handicap Bathroom.” Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

13 OCTOBER 2024

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – “Gather Us In”

J. Honore

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

☩ **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 625

Come, We That Love the Lord *We're Marching to Zion*

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti-ful cit-y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Please be seated.

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

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

⁶Seek the Lord and live, or the Lord will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you who turn justice to wormwood and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know

how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17 (*tune: NUN DANKET ALL*)

1. So teach us, Lord, in your great might,
To number all our days,
That we may yet apply our hearts
To wisdom and its ways.
2. Relent and have compassion, Lord;
How long will wrath hold sway?
Come, satisfy us with your love
With each returning day.
3. Lord, let us now be glad and sing
Your praises constantly;
Let happiness now compensate
For years of misery.
4. Lord, let the splendor of your works
Shine brightly as the sun;
May all God's goodness rest on us;
Prosper what we have done.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

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

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰The man said to Jesus, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the dominion of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the dominion of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the dominion of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to Jesus, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or siblings or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, siblings, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 685

Take My Life, That I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

APOSTLES' CREED

A Siblings in Christ, let us confess the 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 PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

You may kneel, sit, or stand as is your custom.

A Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.
A brief silence.

A Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, all things are in your hands. Encourage those who run for public office to seek the common good, uplift our common humanity, and work for harmony, justice, equity, and peace among all people. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, especially Betty Sachrison Becker, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord is with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with Jesus Christ.”



THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.

VOLUNTARY – “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

P. Manz

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ACS 1063

God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

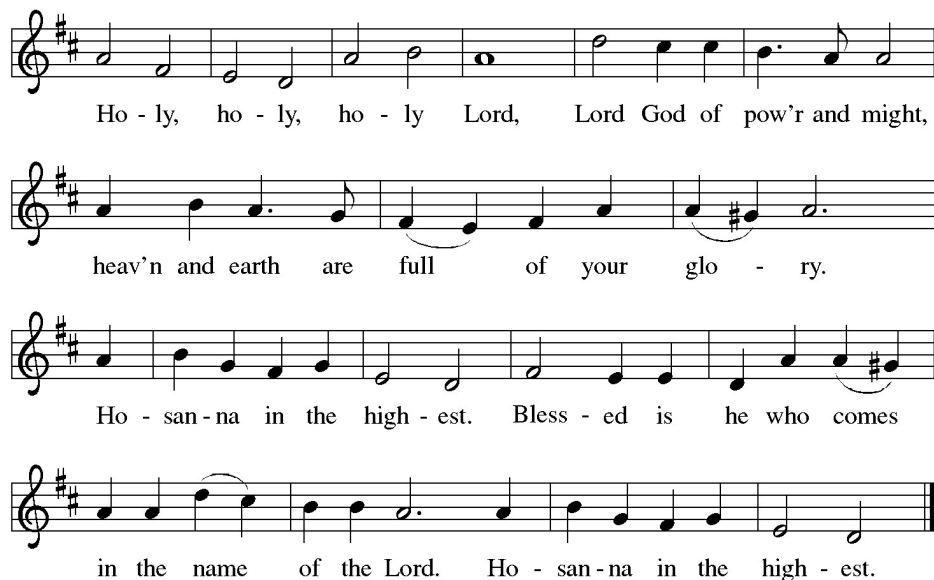
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- P** *It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:*

SANCTUS



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- ☐ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

*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.*

- ☐ For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- ☐ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

- ☐ To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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

LORD'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

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

☞ Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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

The congregation is seated.

THE 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.

*Baked bread is being used. For those who so desire, gluten-free wafers are available;
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.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

TFF 152

Have Thine Own Way, Lord



1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.



Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay.
Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day.
Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me, I pray.
Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.



Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,
Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is thine.
Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862–1934
Music: ADELAIDE, George C. Stebbins, 1846–1945

WOV 783

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; and knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

add - ed un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth of God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948
Music: LAFFERTY, Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ...and bring you to everlasting life.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let

ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P ...now and forever.

C Amen.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

DISMISSAL

- ☐ A Go in peace. Follow Jesus
☐ C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Sortie”

C. Franck, arr. D. Wells

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Chloe Meucci

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Bill Lasher

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Pat Gilbert

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



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 and throughout Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Sachrison Becker for her 100th birthday on October 9 by her daughters, Sally Allen and Nancy and Rob Benacci.

Today's Events

Adult Forum will be held in the library this morning from about 9:15-10:15. Our first session is about “Approaching the Bible.” This will be a Bible Study *about* studying the Bible!

Sunday School for children in grades Pre-Kdg.-5th will gather this morning from 9:30-10:15am.

Join us in the parlor this morning at 9:15 for **Second Sunday Salons**, a time to visit and discuss various topics. Please stop in for conversation and refreshments.

Confirmation class will be held at 11:30 this morning in the conference room.

Help tie some knots in our quilts following services this morning. Our quilters have been busy over the last few months designing quilts for those in need. All that's needed to finish them is some hands to help tie knots. These quilts are very meaningful to those that receive them. Children and adults can all take part in this easy outreach. Quilts are on the tables in the parlor hall.

Bethany BINGO Fundraiser will be held at Polish Falcons, 431 E. 3rd Street, this afternoon. Join us for a fun time at this event to benefit the Bethany Outreach Center. **Doors will open at 12:00 noon** and the **games begin at 1:00pm**. Admission is \$25 per person. Take part in the ALL-CASH BINGO Games, and optional basket raffle, tips, instant, and 50/50 Tickets. Note: The kitchen will be open as well. Hope to see you there!

Christian Education

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on All Saints' Sunday, November 3, during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in the church office by Monday, October 21 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

Brown Bag Bible will gather each Wednesday in the parlor at 12:00 noon for Bible Study and discussion. You are invited to bring lunch for yourself. Our first topic; *How Did THAT Get in My Bible?!* **We will not meet on October 16** so many can enjoy the OWLS outing to Pine Junction Restaurant.

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, will meet the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be Monday, November 11, as we begin the book *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal*.

B.A.D. (Bible After Dark) gathers at the Brewerie the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book *Context* by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

Worship Matters

This Friday is St. Luke Day. Believed to have been a physician before encountering Paul and traveling with him for a time, Luke is also credited as the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. Luke's gospels focus on God's gracious regard for the poor, ostracized, marginalized, and disregarded. Luke's is also the gospel that shares some of the most beloved Parables. It is a long standing practice in the Church to share in prayer for healing on St. Luke Day in honor of his profession and the healing and wholeness his gospels proclaim. We will gather on Friday, October 18 in Faith Chapel at 7:00pm for a Service of Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing. You are invited to come with your need for healing for yourself, for a loved one, or just for a weary and wounded world. There will be a time during the service for laying-on-of-hands, anointing, and prayer for your specific needs.

From the earliest days of the ancient Church, we know that prayer and anointing for healings has been a major part of our mission. Called to live into community with one another, we seek the health—and chiefly—the wholeness of God for one another and the community we have been made a part of by baptism into Jesus himself.

James admonishes his community: “Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.” (James 5:13-18)

Justin Martyr (ca. 150) reminds us that whenever the Church gathered together there was a collection taken of goods, clothing, supplies, and money so that when worship was over Deacons could take not only these items but prayer, fellowship, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to those who were unable to be present.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month; October 22 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will be taking a drive to Pine Junction Restaurant, 9757 Bailey Hill Rd, Sherman, NY on Wednesday, October 16. Enjoy the beautiful autumn scenery and a delicious lunch. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30am. If you would like to carpool, please meet at Luther Memorial at 10:15am. See Jan MacInnes this morning if you would like to attend.

Trunk-or-Treat with family and friends on Sunday, October 20. Find a great costume, decorate your car, load it up with some treats and let the fun begin. Set-up in the church parking lot will begin at 12:00 noon. Treating will be held from 12:30-2:00pm. Music by DJ Bill Mason, prizes, a costume parade will make this a great afternoon. Please see Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or contact the church office to sign up to decorate your car.

Craft Fair

Professional crafters will have handmade original items throughout fellowship hall at our craft fair on Saturday, November 2 from 9:00am – 3:00pm and Sunday, November 3 from 12:00 noon – 3:00pm. Admission is only \$2 and will benefit our LYO. Get a head start on your holiday shopping and stop in.

Items to Note

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Rose-Marie Rose	Cathy Beck & Jim
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	Virginia Long
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family	Pat Gilbert	Dorothy Youngman	Lois Smith
Walt Gaber			
Friends and Family:			
Kate Collins & family	Lily	Joann Guilianelli	Jenn Eddy
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Curtis Krick
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Stephanie Volland	Janice Carpenter	Casey Smith
Jean Coburn	Teddy & Rebecca	Betty M.	Betty Peters
Tom Kraut	Kevin D.	Bernadette Mulder	Steve Sensor
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cheryl Runstedler	Jerry
Andy Zimmerman	Norma Lynch	Dale Dannhaus	Cheryl Atkinson
Fred Kern	Janine Frank	Donna Peck	
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins		

Readings and Commemorations This Week

October 14 – Psalm 26; Obadiah 1-9; Revelation 7:9-17

October 15 – **Teresa d’Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, 1582** – Psalm 42:1-7; Romans 8:22-27; Matthew 5:13-16 -- *A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.*

October 16 – Psalm 26; Obadiah 17-21; Luke 16:19-31

October 17 – **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, 115** – Psalm 31:1-5; Philippians 3:17-4:1; John 12:23-26 -- *Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.*

October 18 – **Luke the Physician, Evangelist** – Isaiah 43:8-13; Psalm 124; II Timothy 4:5-11; Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53 -- *Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.*

October 19 – Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:10-15; Luke 22:24-30

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Columbus Day

Church offices & LMA closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00am

Pericope

5:00pm

Cross Country Banquet

3:00pm

Communion Care Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

11:30am

OWLS / Pine Junction Restaurant

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00am

Tea with Thom

1:00pm

Grief Group

5:30pm

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00pm

Healing Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:00am

Quilt Gathering

10:00am

Julia Hospice House Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Worship services at 8:15 in Faith Chapel and 10:30am in the main church.

Adult Forum will meet at 9:15am in the library.

Confirmation class will meet at 11:30am in the conference room.

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

Trunk-or-Treat begins at 12:30pm.

VASA meeting will be held at 1:00pm.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Linda Graffius
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	<i>(1 needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	John Bartlett
Counters	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Jonathan Gaber
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	Diana Alvaro