

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



19 NOVEMBER 2023
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ’s coming among us.

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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.”

PRELUDE – *BlumenStrauß (Musical Bouquet)*

J. C. F. Fischer (*ca. 1656 - 1746*)

"Prelude No. 2 in G Minor"

"Prelude No. 5 in C Major"

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.

☞ Holy One,

☞ **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.



☐ 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.

☑ Amen.

*Originally called Harvest Hymn, this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies.
 It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us.
 It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."*

ENTRANCE HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
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GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☑ And also with you.

KYRIE

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have.
Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ Amen.

Please be seated.

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

Deborah was a prophet and judge who, with her general, Barak, led a victorious holy war against a stronger Canaanite force from the north.

FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ²So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for Sisera had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. ⁴At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.’ ”

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 123

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



Our eyes look to you, O God, un - til you show us your mer-cy.

- ¹ To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- ² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,
until you show us your mercy. **R**
- ³ Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- ⁴ too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud. **R**

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ’s return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, dear family, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath ►

but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ 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!

*Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit.
(John 15:4, 5)*

☒ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. “At once ¹⁶the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. ¹⁹“After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴“Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Allie

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

Living through the Nazi occupation, seeing his grandparents die of starvation and witnessing his parents deep involvement in the resistance movement, this author began attending church in his teens. He attended Western College in Bristol and was ordained in 1955. In 1963 he was called to be minister of the Pilgrim Church in Plymouth where he began to write hymns.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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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 Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you 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.. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Helen Engesser, we praise your goodness. 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

☐ The peace of Christ be with you.

☑ 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.

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ANTHEM – "On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"

Samuel Stennett / W. Walker

*On Jordan's stormy bank I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.*

Refrain

*I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.*

*All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.*

*No chilling winds or poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.*

*When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Savior's face and in God's bosom rest?*

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
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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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

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.

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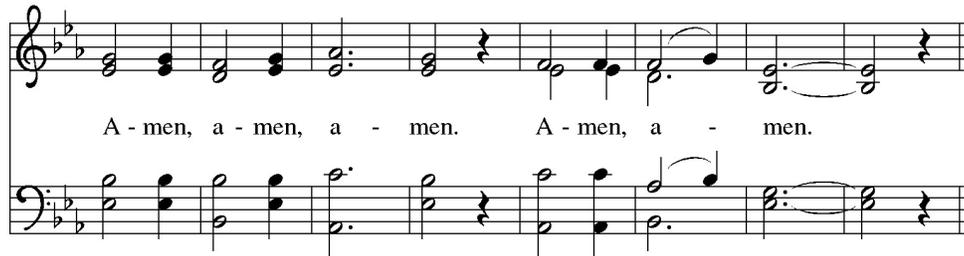
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ 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.



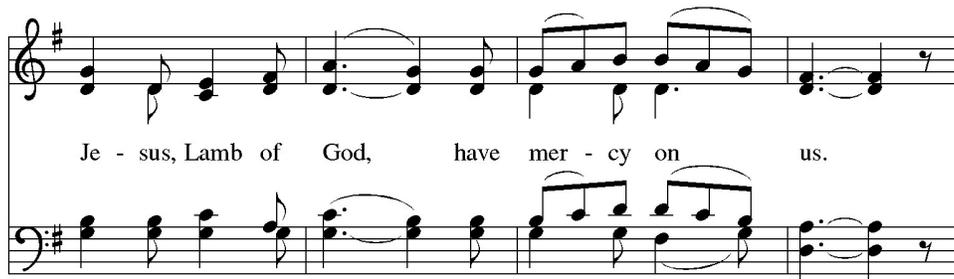
A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

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.



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

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

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

Despite the current state of the world, the text by this author brings light, love and hope in the days ahead.

This author holds a Ph.D. in Theological Studies from Emory University.

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In 2002, she was named "emerging textwriter" by The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 726

Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a weary world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a weary world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – “Thee We Adore, O Savior”

arr. Jacob B. Weber

Referred to by some as *The Angelical Doctor*, this author had “the extraordinary gift of understanding wherewith God had blessed him”. His principal work was the *Summa Theologiae*, which, although never completed, was placed on a table in the council-chamber at the Council of Trent. He contributed to the long list of Latin hymns, some of which have been in use in the services of the Church of Rome to this day.

ELW 476

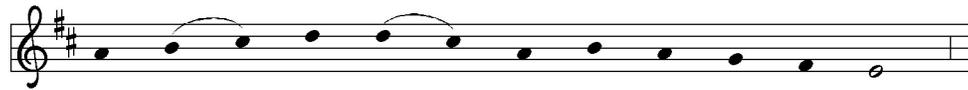
Thee We Adore, O Savior



1 Thee we a - dore, O Sav - ior, God most true,
 2 O true re - mem - brance of Christ cru - ci - fied,
 3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,
 4 Je - sus, by faith we see thee here be - low;



thy glo - ry clothed in bread and wine a - new;
 the bread of life to us for whom he died;
 cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most cleans - ing blood:
 send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:



our hearts to thee in true de - vo - tion bow,
 lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,
 in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
 some - day to gaze up - on thy face in light,



in hum - ble awe, we hail thy pres - ence now.
 be thou the sweet - ness we were meant to find.
 the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
 blest ev - er - more with thy full glo - ry's sight. A - men.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; tr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844–1889, and James R. Woodford, 1820–1885, alt.
 Music: ADORE TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V; Processionale, Paris, 1697

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.

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

- A** 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.

C 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.

Its text the work of an English poet, church worker and hymn writer, this hymn is sung to a celebrated Welsh tune whose name means good cheer and which gives us a foretaste of endless song.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 707

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, “You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me.” Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bless - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

 and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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. 8 in G Major"

J. C. F. Fischer

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Allie Leitzel

GREETER – Jeff Swanson

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

LECTOR – Dave Griswold

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

ALTAR GUILD – Loretta Deeds

BREAD BAKER – Cathie Dugan

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Carl Moore, Mary Mumford, Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our anniversary by Pastor Jay and Chaz Mitchell.

We welcome **Pastor Allie Leitzel** as our guest preacher and presider this morning.

Today's Events

Blood pressures will be available at 11:30 in the library this morning.

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

Home-made chicken noodle soup, prepared fresh this morning, will be available for purchase following the 10:30 service this morning. Proceeds benefit our LYO.

VASA will gather at 1:00 this afternoon.

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

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.

Where is Pastor Jay

Pastor Jay has been invited to preach at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 134 West 7th Street, for their Thanksgiving Eucharist on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23 at 10:00. All are invited to attend.

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.

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 see Jan MacInnes if you plan to attend.

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 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

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!

Dinner With Our Flock, will be held on Wednesday, January 17. 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. Enjoy the holiday season and we'll see you in the new year.

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: **this morning**, 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. 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.

LMA News

Orders will be taken for Happy Mug, organically grown coffees, through November 28. Happy Mug is located at 502 West 12th Street 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			
<u>Grief:</u>			
Tony Partusch family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown

WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

November 20 – Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Judges 4:8-24; Romans 2:1-11

November 21 – Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Exodus 2:1-10; I Thessalonians 5:12-18 (one of Pastor Jay’s favorite passages)

November 22 – Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100 – Psalm 78:3-7; II Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 6:37-45 -- *Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.* **OR Miguel Agustin Pro, martyr, 1927** – Ezekiel 20:40-42; Psalm 5; Revelation 6:9-11; Mark 8:34-38 -- *Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"*

November 23 – Day of Thanksgiving – Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; II Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19 -- *At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: “You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.” We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God’s creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.* **OR Justus Falckner, 1723; Jehu Jones, 1852; William Passavant, 1894; pastors in North America** – Jeremiah 17:7-8; Psalm 16:5-11; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 9:35-38 -- *Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.*

November 24 – Psalm 100; Isaiah 40:1-11; Revelation 22:1-9

November 25 – Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:25-31; Matthew 12:46-50

