

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



22 SEPTEMBER 2024
The Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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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).

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – Elegy on “Children of the Heavenly Father”

J. Biery

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

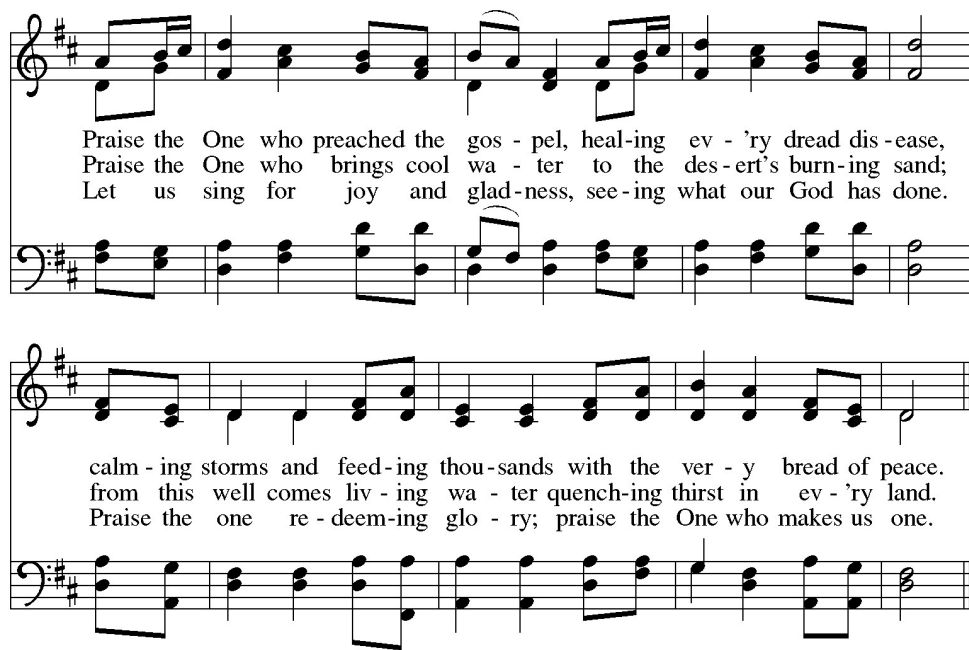
ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are divided into two systems, each with three numbered lines of text.

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813
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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
 O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!” ²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

- L** The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 54 (*tune: PUER NOBIS*)

1. In your great might, Lord, by your Name
Defend me, save me from despair;
Give ear to all the words I speak;
My Savior, listen to my prayer.
2. For arrogant and ruthless foes
Have risen up and press me hard;
The ruthless ones who sought my life,
Those who have no regard for God.
3. It is the Lord who keeps my life,
And God the one on whom I call;
Let those who spy on me be cursed;
In faithfulness, destroy them all.
4. I praise your Name for it is good
And sacrifice with ready will,
For I have seen my foes destroyed;
You rescued me from every ill.

SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

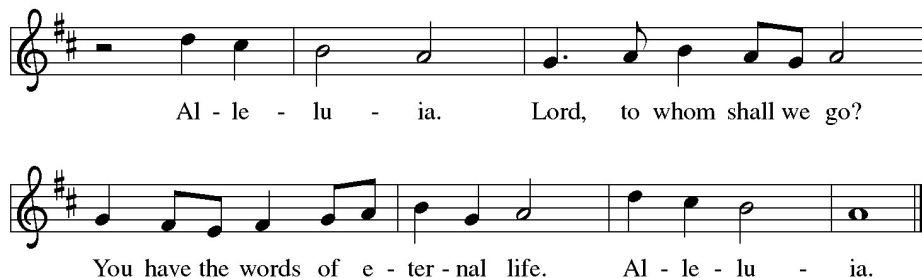
¹³Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. ¹⁵This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and the devil will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

 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 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son-of-Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum, and when Jesus was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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 781

Children of the Heavenly Father *Tryggare kan ingen vara*

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

5. Children of the heavenly Mother,
In her holy wings find cover.
Womb of life, she bore creation
And will bless all generations.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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

- P** Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

- P** Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P** Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P** Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P** Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P** Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P** Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, especially John Braendel and Mike Daniels. Console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- P** We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

INSTALLATION OF A NEW CANTOR

- L** After prayerful deliberation, we, of Luther Memorial Church, have appointed Bryan M. Timm to serve in the position of Cantor.

The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.

The presiding minister addresses the one being installed.

- P** Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works. You come with your talent of music and leadership, of creativity and imagination, to open our hearts and minds and voices in our praise of God and in our experience of God's glory among us.

- P** Bryan, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

R *Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

P Trusting in God’s care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

R *Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

P Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C **Amen.**

The assembly stands. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P People of God, will you receive Bryan into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

C **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work’s sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

The presiding minister addresses the lay professional.

P Bryan, I now declare you installed as Cantor. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ in this place.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray. O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Strengthen and bless your servant Bryan, who, through your gift of music, seeks to enliven our praises and proclaim your word with power. Through this ministry give us new awareness of your beauty and grace, and join our voices with all the choirs of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P People of God, I present to you Cantor Bryan Timm, our cantor. Let us welcome him in the name of Christ!

We welcome Cantor Bryan with applause.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is 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 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 – “Voluntary”

A. Boely

Please stand as you are able.

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

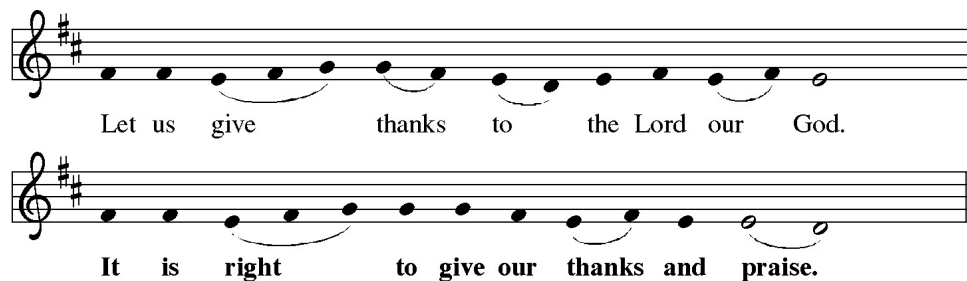
A Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOG

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

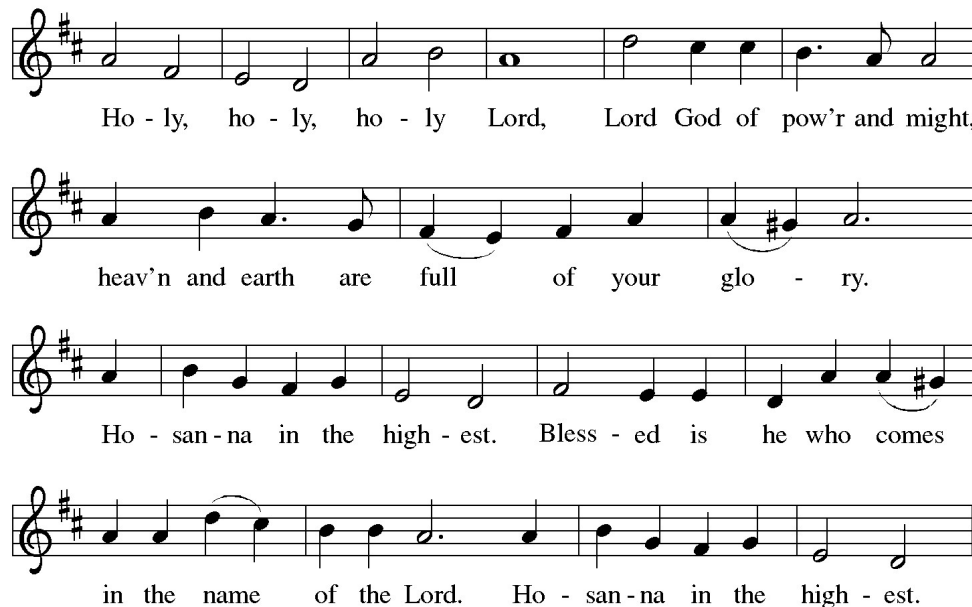
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS



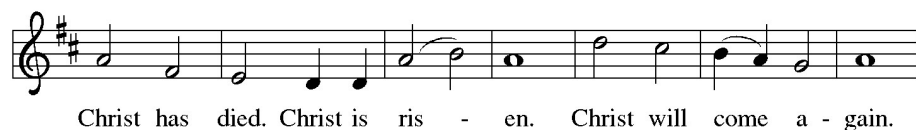
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☐ 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.



☐ 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.

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

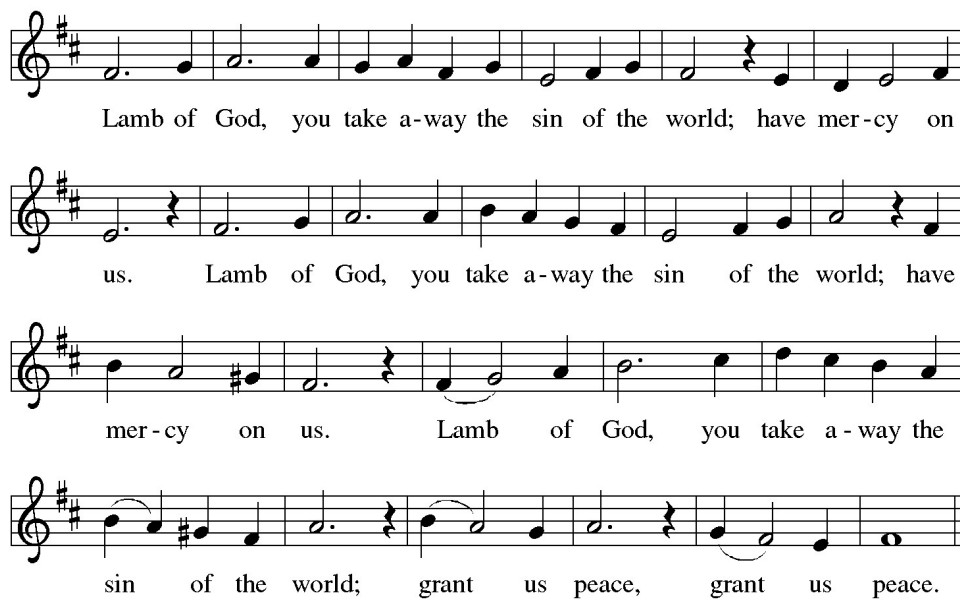


LORD'S PRAYER

P 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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

P 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

ELW 613

Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
 Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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ELW 861

When Long before Time *The Singer and the Song*



- 1 When long be-fore time and the worlds were be-gun,
- 2 The si-lence was bro-ken when God sang the Song,
- 3 The sounds of the crea-tures were one with their Lord's,
- 4 Though down through the a-ges the Song dis-ap-peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
 and light pierced the dark-ness and rhy-thm be-gan,
 their har-mo-nies sweet and be-fit-ting the Word;
 its har-mo-nies bro-ken and al-most un-heard,



and all was deep si-lence and night reigned su-preme,
 and with its first birth-cries cre-a-tion was born,
 the Sing-er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
 the Sing-er comes to us to sing it a-gain,



and e-ven our Mak-er had on-ly a dream—
 and crea-ture-ly voic-es sang praise to the morn.
 the choir of the crea-tures re-ech-oed it long.
 our God-is-with-us in the world now as then.

- 5 The Light has returned as it came once before,
 the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
 so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
 the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

- 6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
 to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
 to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
 be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936
 Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison
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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.

When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -

ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
 men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
 e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
 joice who have a voice to raise; and may God

though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 moved us to a more pro - found
 to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing, for whom he won the fight:
 give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Nettleton”

M. Burkhardt

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Ann Flick

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS – Sharon Burke, Mary Daniels, Linda Graffius, Betty Pletz

VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jan and Skip MacInnes' wedding anniversary.

Front lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our brother, John Braendel on his birthday on September 25, by the Braendel family.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mike Daniels, on our wedding anniversary today, by his wife, Mary.

Today's Events

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

Congregational Life Committee will meet at 11:30 this morning in the library.

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.

Where's Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay would love to meet with you! While you can make an appointment with him anytime, this week you can just "drop in" on him either in the office on Wednesday from 10:00-11:00am or at the Topsy Bean (25th and Peach) on Monday from 8:00-9:00am.

Worship Matters

This Sunday we welcome Cantor Bryan to his work among us. **Ever wonder why Luther Memorial calls our musician a cantor?** Well, first a language lesson. The Latin word for "to sing" is *cantare*. So, in its most basic sense, the title of Cantor is the one who sings and/or helps the people to sing in the worshiping assembly. According to the *Leading Worship Matters* resources, the cantor is "a leader of song; the person who oversees the worship music in a congregation." For a little more history to the title, we turn to Herbert Nuechterlein in *Key Words in Church Music*:

Cantor was a Latin title given to the official in charge of the music of cathedral, collegiate, and monastic churches, and other church-related schools. In the Middle Ages the English chanter or precentor was second in rank of the four principal dignitaries of the church...The duty of the German *Kantor*, the English precentor, or French *maître de chapelle* was to direct the musical part of the service and to intone psalms and canticles. He was in charge of the selection of the music and its proper performances (like the music director in an American church). In Germany the musical head of an educational establishment with a choir-school or *Kantorei* attached to a church was called the cantor...Before the Reformation, the cantor was ordinarily a member of the clergy. Due to changes brought about by the Reformation, it was no longer required that a cantor be a clergyman in the Protestant church. He was now a lay member of the congregation.

For all this, the Lutheran cantor viewed the use of his artistic gifts primarily as a summons from God to preach the Gospel. He did not consider himself an individual artist who was to receive honor or acclaim through his own doing. He regarded his work as existing only for the reason of purposeful union with God and the church. For example, in the foreword to his setting of the Passion, Burck stated that he performed his service and calling as cantor "according to the demands of my position and the capabilities of my God-given talent."

Let us welcome Cantor Bryan to our life together here at Luther Memorial and give thanks not only to him but to God for his "God-given talent." Together, let us raise a joyful song of praise. And, as Bach always signed his word, *Soli Deo Gloria*, "To God Alone be the Glory."

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?!*

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*.

Second Sunday Salons, a time to visit and discuss various topics will begin Sunday, October 13 from 9:15-10:30am. Please join us in the parlor for conversation and refreshments.

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.

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; September 24 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. Contact Jan MacInnes by Friday, October 11.

Family scavenger hunt will be held Sunday, October 6 from 1:00-5:00pm. Have a super fun afternoon solving clues and arriving at your surprise destination. Contact the church office or see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski to sign up.

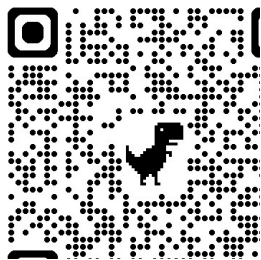
Join us for Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 6 at 11:30am in fellowship hall. A delicious main course of bratwurst & sauerkraut, hotdogs and macaroni & cheese will be provided, as well as beverages. All are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let's raise a cold glass of beer and celebrate Oktoberfest. Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, September 29.

Presque Isle ProMusica Oktoberfest Concert & Picnic

On October 6, at 4:00pm, the Presque Isle ProMusica, our orchestra-in-residence, will present *Oktoberfest*, a concert and picnic celebrating the harvest and the beautiful days of fall. The music will be festive strains from Germany and Austria (dancing will be permitted), and the food - yes, there will be food! - will be the traditional "brats and beer" available for purchase, supplemented by sauerkraut, other beverages and ice cream, provided either by local vendors or the PIP itself.

The music, of course, will be free as always. So pack up your lawn chairs or blankets for a jolly time in our green space (indoors if it rains, and we do have extra chairs for wherever), and bring along as many friends as you can, for the PIP's farewell to summer and welcome to the glorious days of autumn. A good time will be had by all - we promise!

Outreach



Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, September 29. Luther Memorial (both Church and Academy) will have a shared Team this year as part of LMA Sunday celebrations. Everyone is encouraged to walk and make a difference in our community to help fight hunger. If you are unable to walk, consider making a donation to someone who is walking. A donation packet is available from Pastor Jay or the church office. Registration begins at 1:00pm with the Walk beginning at 2:00pm.

Julia Hospice House

All are invited to enjoy a fun evening out at Julia's Cash Bash to support building Julia House, Erie's first hospice house and palliative care clinic. Join us Saturday, October 5 from 5:00-9:00pm at St. Francis Ushers Club, 9085 Main Street, McKean. Your \$25 ticket includes a full dinner, dessert, coffee, soda and chances to win a prize of \$1,000, \$500, or \$100. Live Music with Jack Stevenson, a silent auction, basket raffle and cash games will add to all the fun. Tickets are available this morning at the table in the parlor hall or see Linda Graffius, Cathy Beck or Cheryl Brown.

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	
Friends and Family:			
Kate Collins & family	Lily	Marlo	Jenn Eddy
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Curtis Krick
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Stephanie Volland	Janice Carpenter	Jonah Allgeier
Jean Coburn	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters
Connie Haibach & family	Kevin D	Bernadette Mulder	Steve Sensor
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry
Andy Zimmerman	Norma Lynch	Dale Dannhaus	Cheryl Atkinson
Grief:			
Randy Hessinger family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins		

Readings and Commemorations This Week

September 23 – Psalm 139:1-18; II Kings 5:1-14; James 4:8-17

September 24 – Psalm 139:1-18; II Kings 11:21-12:6; James 5:1-6

September 25 – Psalm 139:1-18; Jeremiah 1:4-10; John 8:21-38

September 26 – Psalm 19:7-14; Exodus 18:13-27; Acts 4:13-31

September 27 – Psalm 19:7-14; Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Acts 12:20-25

September 28 – Psalm 19:7-14; Deuteronomy 27:1-10; Matthew 5:13-20

September 29 – **MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AND ALL ANGELS** – Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3; Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22; Revelation 12:7-12; Luke 10:17-20 -- *Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.*

CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 1:00pm Grief Group
5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 11:30am LMA Dismissal / Teacher Meeting
5:30pm Youth Movie Night

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY SUNDAY

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

CROP Walk at Presque Isle, Beach 1. Registration at 1:00pm; Walk begins at 2:00pm.

Confirmation class will participate in the Crop Walk.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Kate Martin
Communion Assistant	10:30am	
Lectors	10:30am	LMA Students
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	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Rob Cooney, Jean McMillin
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	