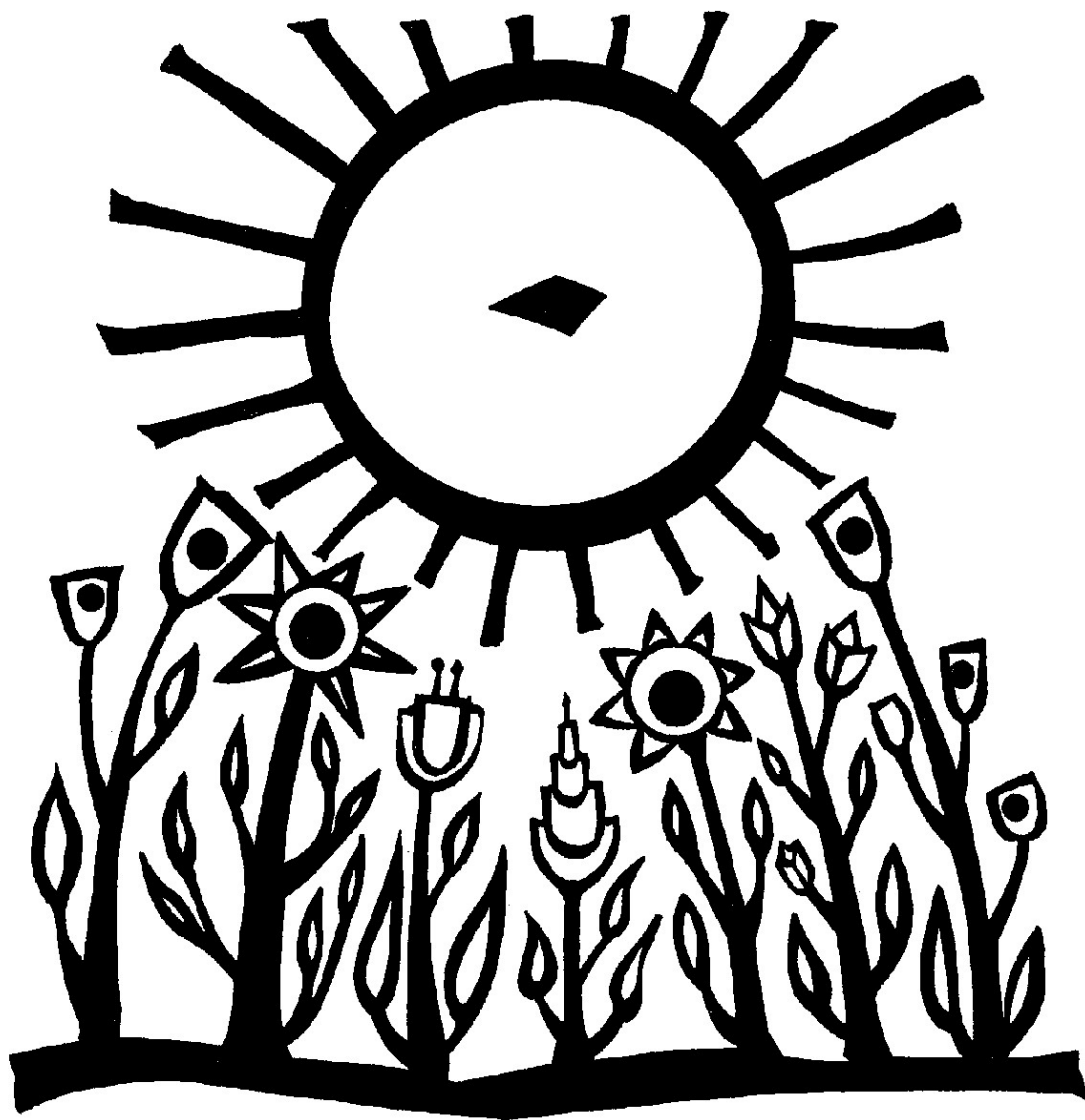


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



25 AUGUST 2024
The Twenty-first 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 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).

25 AUGUST 2024

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – “Prelude & Fugue in E Minor”

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665 - 1697)

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- P** Please pray with me. Jesus, you spread out your arms to welcome the world. And then you tell us to feed them.
- C** But we struggle with your command.
We find the seed of doubt growing in our hearts:
What is our compassion among so much pain?
What is our small kindness in a system of injustice?
What is one act of reconciliation in a divided society?
How can so little food feed so many hungry mouths?
- P** We have simply forgotten: when you ask us to feed the world, you always provide the bread.
- C** Even when we have tasted
the bread you multiply;
even when we gather your leftovers,
we still find ourselves between your wondrous power
and our sinful reality.
- P** So we ask for your forgiveness.
- C** When you call for our faith,
forgive our unbelief.
As you prepare our heavenly dwelling,
forgive our earthly worries.
When you offer us armfuls of food that satisfies,
forgive our appetite for unhealthy fare.
When your gospel challenges us,
forgive our irritable complaints.
- P** People of God, Jesus knows you are hungry for forgiveness. So Jesus has set our table with bread from heaven; and a feast to heal the soul. You are forgiven. God leavens you with eternal goodness. + Jesus gives you forgiveness enough to share. And the Holy Spirit fills your life with the flavor of transformation. You are forgiven.
- C** God, give us this bread always. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 853

When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI. Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy One, sometimes, life feels chaotic and uncertain. It's hard to make sense of the things that happen to us. When we don't know where to find answers, when confusion sets us spinning, nudge us out of our spiral. Turn us back to you. Speak to us again with the words of eternal life. Repeat them gently until we understand.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

READING: Joshua 4:1-2a, 14-18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve the Lord in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the deities that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the deities your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the deities of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other deities, ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. The Lord protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for the Lord is our God.”

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22 (Read responsively.)

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God’s ears are open to their cry.
¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**
¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**
¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.
²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**
²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son-of-Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

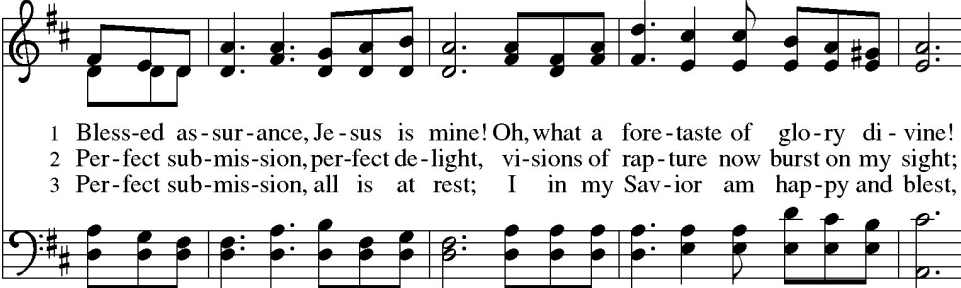
Pastor Zackrison

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

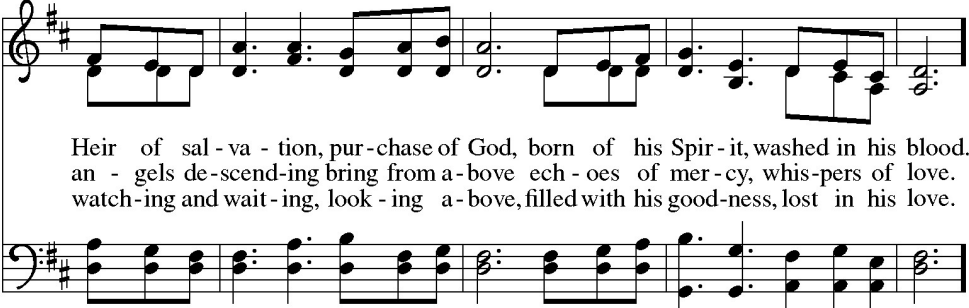
HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 638

Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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 Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys, especially Helen and Ralph Walter, Sr., and Marie and Ange Collins. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

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 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.

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "The We Adore, O Savior" *Adoro te devote*

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Please stand as you are able.

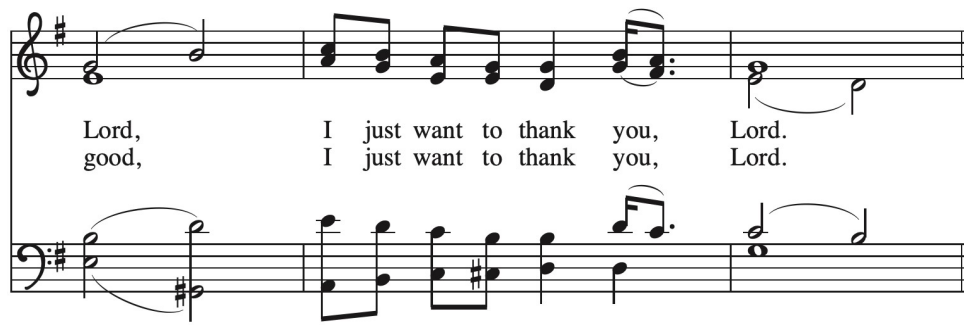
OFFERTORY

ACS 1092

Thank You, Lord

Musical notation for the offertory 'Thank You, Lord'. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
2 Been so good, been so good, been so

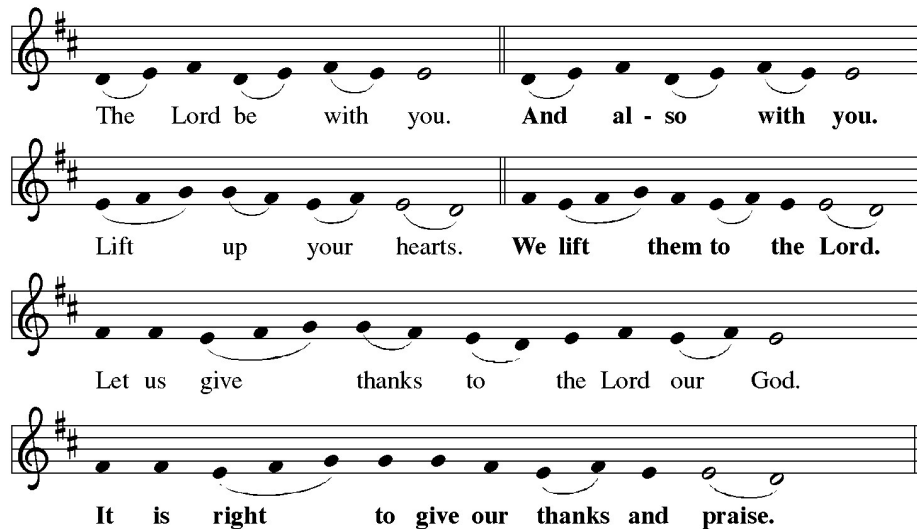


Text: Traditional
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray:
C Holy One,
 you keep us as the apple of your eye
 and hear the cry of all who call out to you.
 Accept the gifts we have gathered.
 Use them and us to heal a broken world.
 In Jesus' name we pray.
 Amen.

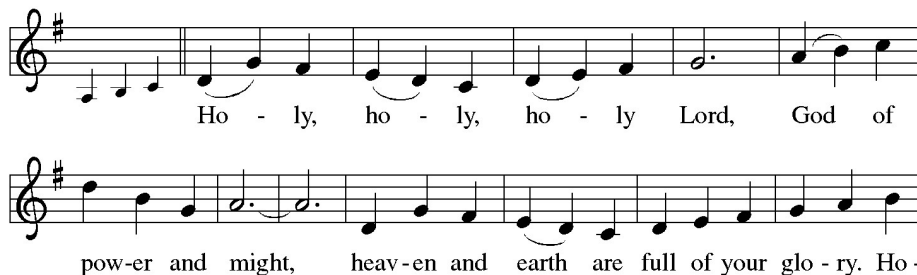
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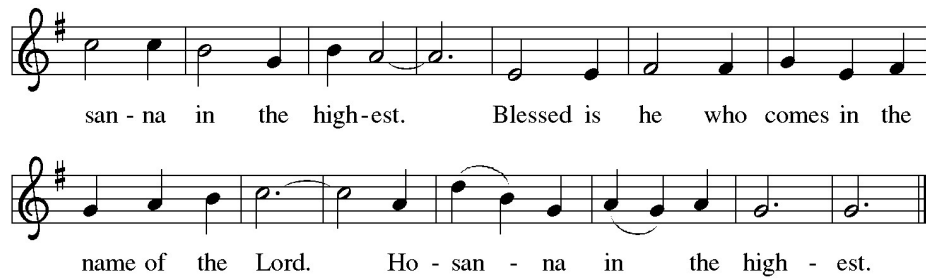


PROPER PREFACE

- 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 opens to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- ☐ God of all, mighty and merciful, the fullness of creation is your crowning glory. We thank you and praise you for you have satisfied the hunger of your people in every age: from the beginning you drew up food from the earth and humankind from the soil, filling our nostrils full of your Breath. You ate the fatted calf with Abraham and Sarah, and answered their deep longing for a child; you sustained your chosen people with manna as you led them toward the promised land; you sent prophets to answer the cry for bread and for justice; and in the fullness of time, you sent your own Son, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven;

*Who, in the night in which he was handed over,
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.*

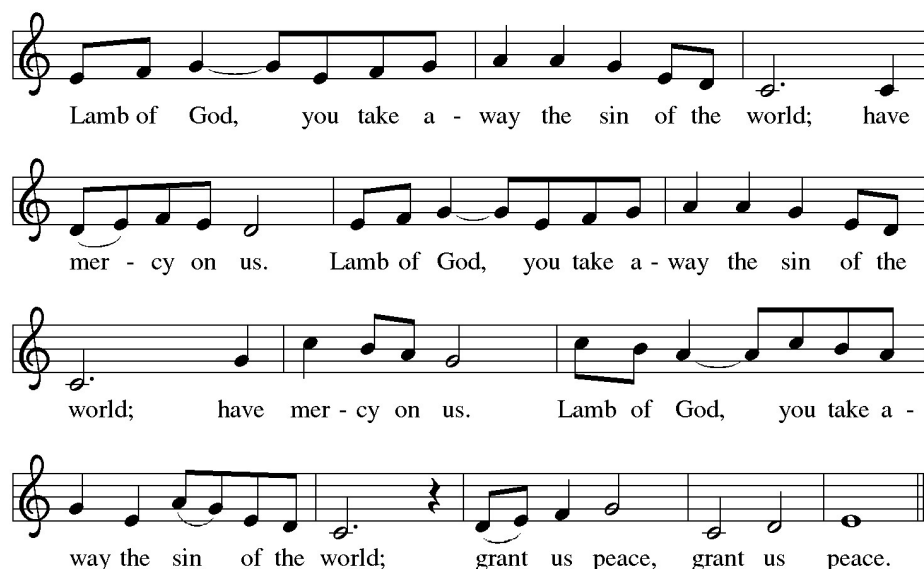
- ☐ Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory to share with us the great and promised feast.
- ☐ Pour out upon us + the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and stir in us a hunger for justice and thirst for compassion. Open wide your hand and satisfy our deep desire—feed us with the Bread that is you. All honor and glory to you, almighty God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
- ☐ 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.*

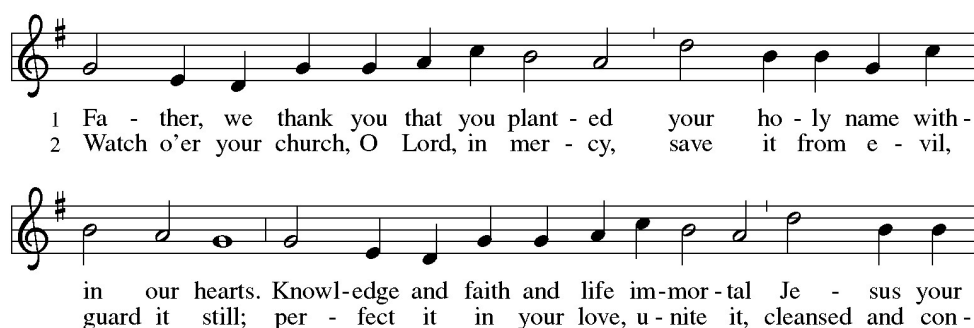
*Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.
As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.*

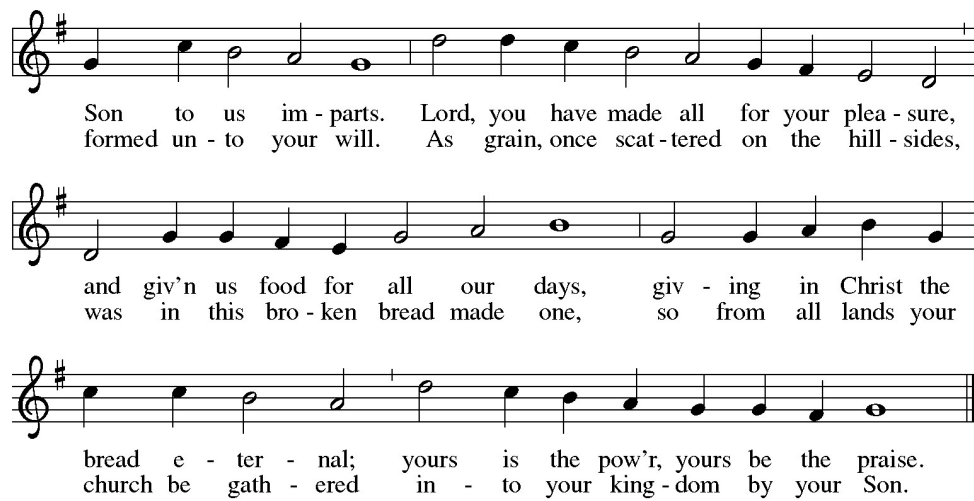
*All are invited to the Meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 478

Father, We Thank You



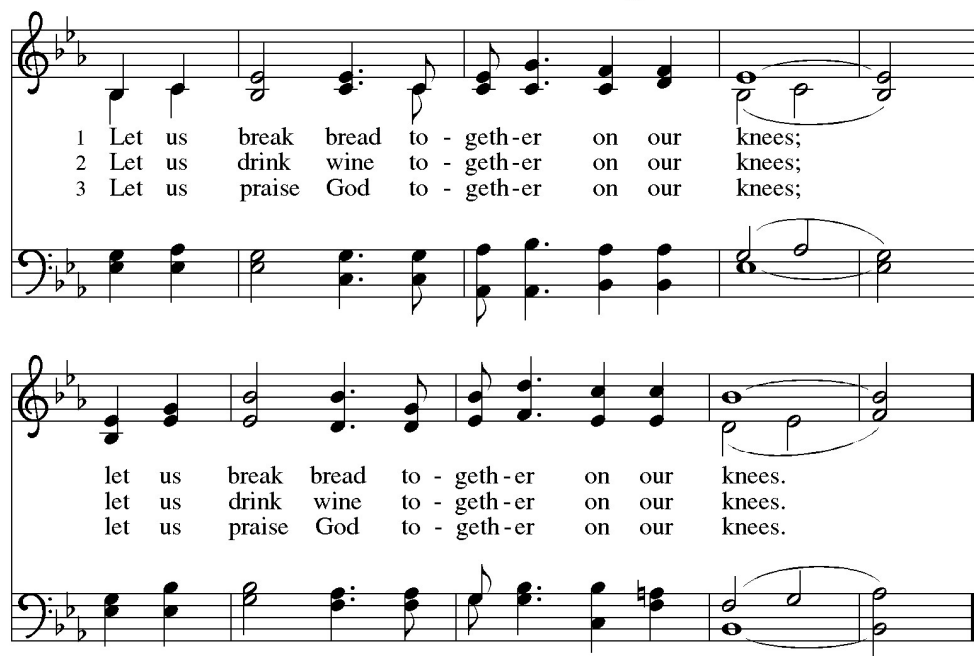


Son to us im-parts. Lord, you have made all for your plea-sure,
formed un-to your will. As grain, once scat-tered on the hill-sides,
and giv'n us food for all our days, giv-ing in Christ the
was in this bro-ken bread made one, so from all lands your
bread e-ter-nal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.
church be gath-ered in-to your king-dom by your Son.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; para. F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.
Music: RENDEZ À DIEU, attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561
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ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread Together

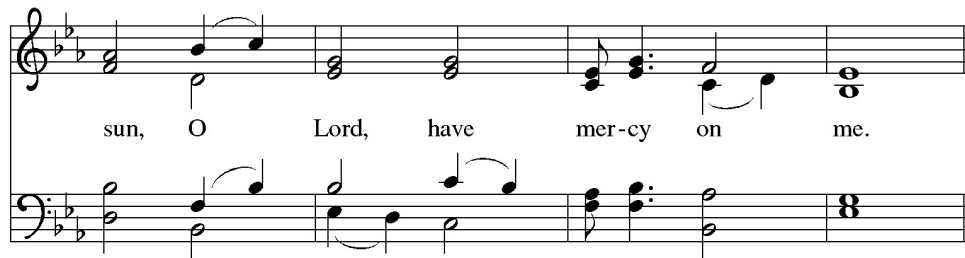


1 Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;
let us break bread to-gether on our knees.
let us drink wine to-gether on our knees.
let us praise God to-gether on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

TABLE BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
keep you in all goodness and health,
and bring you to everlasting life.
- C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Let us pray:
Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- C** Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

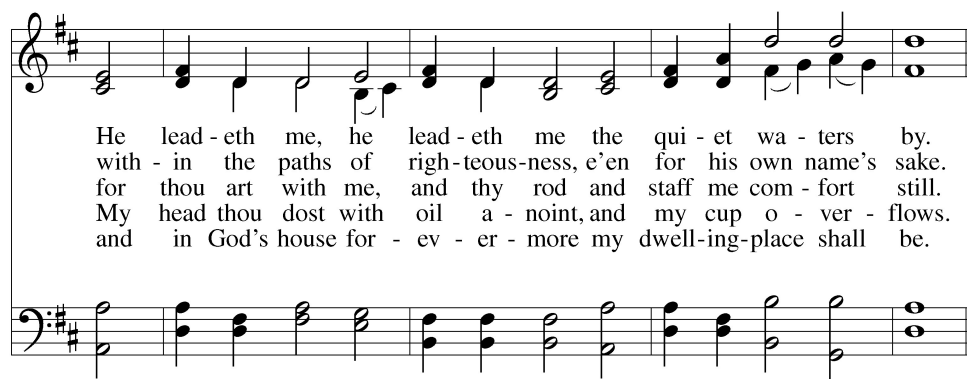
BLESSING

- P** The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 451

The Lord's My Shepherd

Text: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1650
 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984

DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. You are the Body of Christ
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Scherzo in D Major"

Filippo Capocci (1840 - 1911)

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Gail Zackrison

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Linda Graffius

LECTOR – Jane Moran

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

USHERS – Natalie, Tessa & Jack Bartlett, Cathy Beck

VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Helen and Ralph Walter, Sr. and Marie and Ange Collins by Helen and Robert Collins and family.

Today's Events

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

Worship

Blessing of the Backpacks for our school bound students and teachers will be offered during worship services on Sunday, September 1. We would like to send you off with lots of prayer and many blessings. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year.

Our prelude begins at 10:25 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 returns from vacation this week. He would love to get together with you. Given this is also the first week of school for LMA, he will be busy getting to know all our new students. Don't let that stop you! Call or e-mail him to schedule an appointment. Coffee Shop Drop-In Hours will return soon.

Adult Faith Formation

The 2024-2025 Schedule of Adult Faith Formation options is available on the Welcome Table outside of both the chapel and sanctuary. Inside you will find the schedule of topics for: Adult Forum, Bible Study, Bible after Dark, and Book Group. Check it out! Any questions, contact Pastor Jay.

Christian Education

Sunday School for Pre-K-Grade 5 will gather the second Sunday of each month beginning September 8.

Confirmation orientation for youth in grades 6-12 and their parents will be held Sunday, September 8 from 11:30am-12:30pm in the library. A light breakfast will be provided. Classes for 10th grade youth will begin September 15 and continue each Sunday through October 20.

Pastries with the Pastor will be offered on Sunday, September 8 at 9:00am and 11:30am in the parlor. Stop in to chat and have a sweet.

Second Sunday Salons Adult Forum will gather the second Sunday of each month to discuss various topics beginning October 13 from 9:15-10:30am in the parlor.

Brown Bag Bible will gather each Wednesday in the parlor beginning September 11 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 September 18 so everyone can enjoy the OWLS Game Day.

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.

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, will meet the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our first gathering will be Monday, September 9 beginning with the book, *The Other Side of the Wall*.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group and Quilters will gather for a picnic at Jan MacInnes' home, 623 Oakmont Avenue, on Tuesday, August 27 at 11:30am. We're looking forward to a fun and enjoyable afternoon together. Please contact Jan with any questions.

Have fun with the OWLS at **Game Day** on Wednesday, September 18 in our parlor from 11:00am-1:30pm. A pizza lunch will be provided. Visit, laugh and enjoy the time playing some favorite games. If you have a favorite game, please bring it along to share. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Monday, September 9.

Great Deals

Indoor Yard Sale will be held Saturday, September 14 from 8:00am – 12:00pm in our fellowship hall. Items for the sale may be dropped off through September 13. Books, TV’s or large electronic items and soft furniture will not be accepted. Pop in and catch the great deals! Proceeds will benefit Christian Education and LYO.

Luther Memorial Academy

Mark your calendars for our first annual **Block Party!** We will gather on Saturday, September 7 on the greenspace to celebrate all LMA has to offer! Activities and games for all ages. Raffle and food and drink available! Come on out and support this gem of a school in the Gem City!

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.

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! WELCOME BACK LIONS!**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistant <i>(1 needed)</i>	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	Ann Flick
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	<i>(1 needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Pat Young
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	Sue Cappelletty

Readings and Commemorations This Week

August 26 – Psalm 119:97-104; Nehemiah 9:1-15; Ephesians 5:21-6:9

August 27 – Psalm 119:97-104; Nehemiah 9:16-31; Ephesians 6:21-24

August 28 – Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430– Psalm 87; Hebrews 12:22-24; I John 4:7-16; Matthew 23:9-12 -- *Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria. AND Moses the Black, monk, martyr, 400 --* *Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.*

August 29 – The Decollation of [John] the Forerunner – Jeremiah 1:17-19; Psalm 71:1-16; James 1:1-12; Mark 6:14-29 – *John stands at the meeting point of the Old and New Testaments. As the last of the prophets, he was stern in his denunciation of moral corruption in the society of his day, and he pointed to Jesus, through whom the righteousness of God would be proclaimed not by word alone but by the word made flesh. His death by order of Herod, whom he fearlessly rebuked for marrying his brother's wife, is the clearest example of his refusal to compromise with evil, even in the highest places in the land. Augustine later commented on John's death and Herod's perfidy, "We see how a pledge which was given rashly was criminally kept." As John was the forerunner of Jesus in life so he was Jesus' precursor in death.*

August 30 – Psalm 15; Exodus 32:15-35; James 1:9-16

August 31 – Psalm 15; Isaiah 33:10-16; John 18:28-32

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Marilyn Rositer	Cathy Beck & Jim
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	Virginia Long
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family			

Friends and Family:

Kate Collins & family	Lily	Marlo	Amy Roschy
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Curtis Krick
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Stephanie Volland	Barbara Beatty	Jonah Allgeier
Jean Coburn	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters
Connie Haibach & family	Katja Mestrom	Bernadette Mulder	Steve Sensor
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry
Andy Zimmerman	Norma Lynch	Jim Berger	Lynn Swanson

Kevin D.

Jenn Eddy

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins		