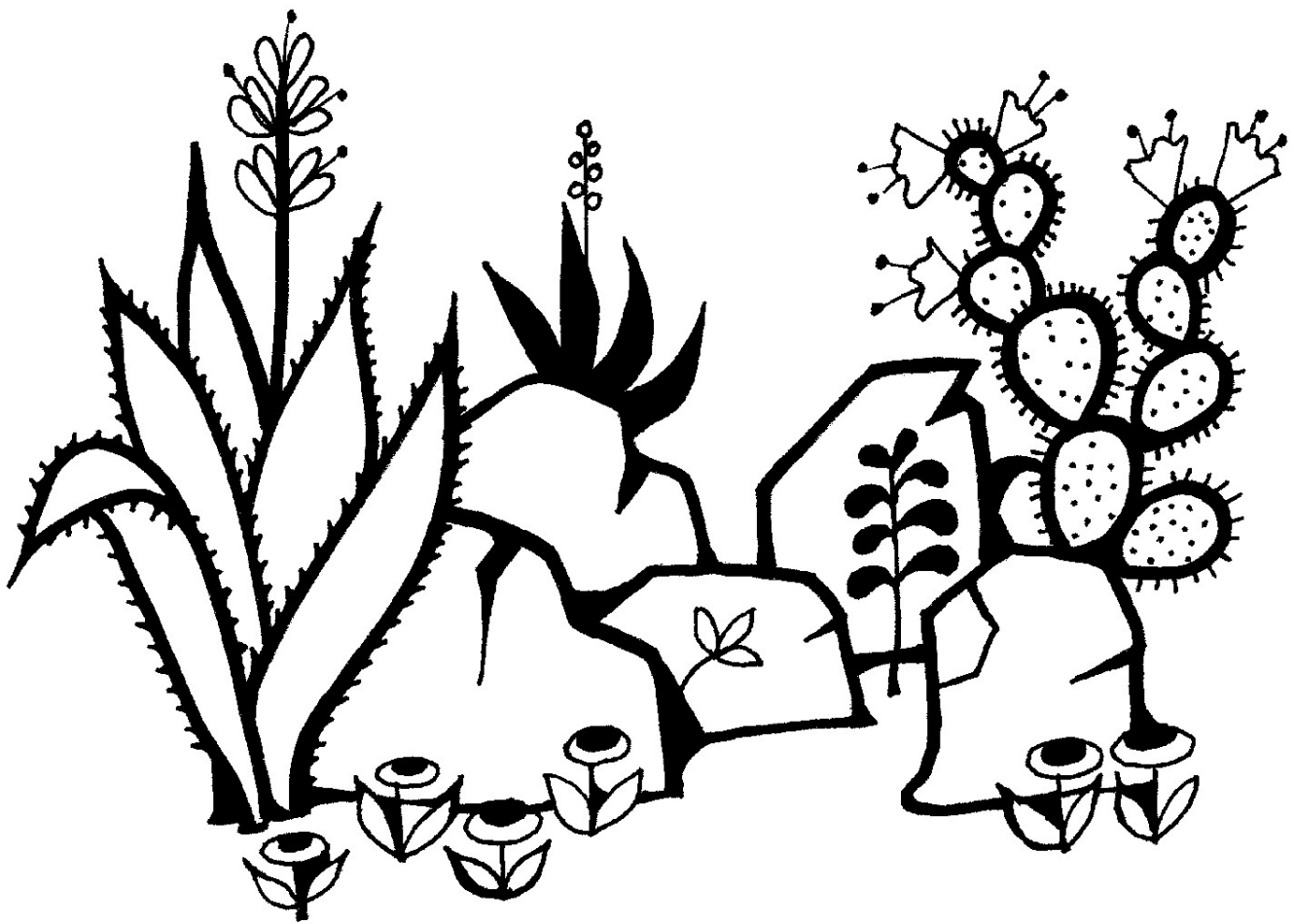


WELCOME TO
LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY



13 SEPTEMBER 2026
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Lessons & Carols to Celebrate Creation

10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

225 West Tenth Street • Erie, PA 16501 • 814-454-0106

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Youth and Family Ministry

Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people—Peoples of the Six Nations and Keepers of the Western Door. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

+ 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 worshiping 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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PRELUDE – "Andante Tranquillo"

P. Warlock

The assembly may rise in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

OPENING DIALOGUE (Genesis 1:28)

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.

Let us bless God, who created heaven and earth.

Our Creator's name be praised.

God blessed them, and God said to them,

"Be fruitful and multiply

and fill the earth and subdue it

and have dominion over the fish of the sea

and over the birds of the air

and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

HYMN

ELW 879

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

PRAYER

Holy Spirit,... move us to honor you by preserving the gifts of nature that reveal your glory. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE (*Job 12:7-10*)

But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?

In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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PRAYER

God, creator of all living things,... and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE (*Psalms 65:9-13*)

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

**with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness,

and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,

and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

let them shout for joy and sing.

HYMN

Touch the Earth Lightly

ELW 739

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

PRAYER

Holy God,... Comfort those who mourn for their pets and for endangered and extinct species. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE (*Revelation 22:1-2*)

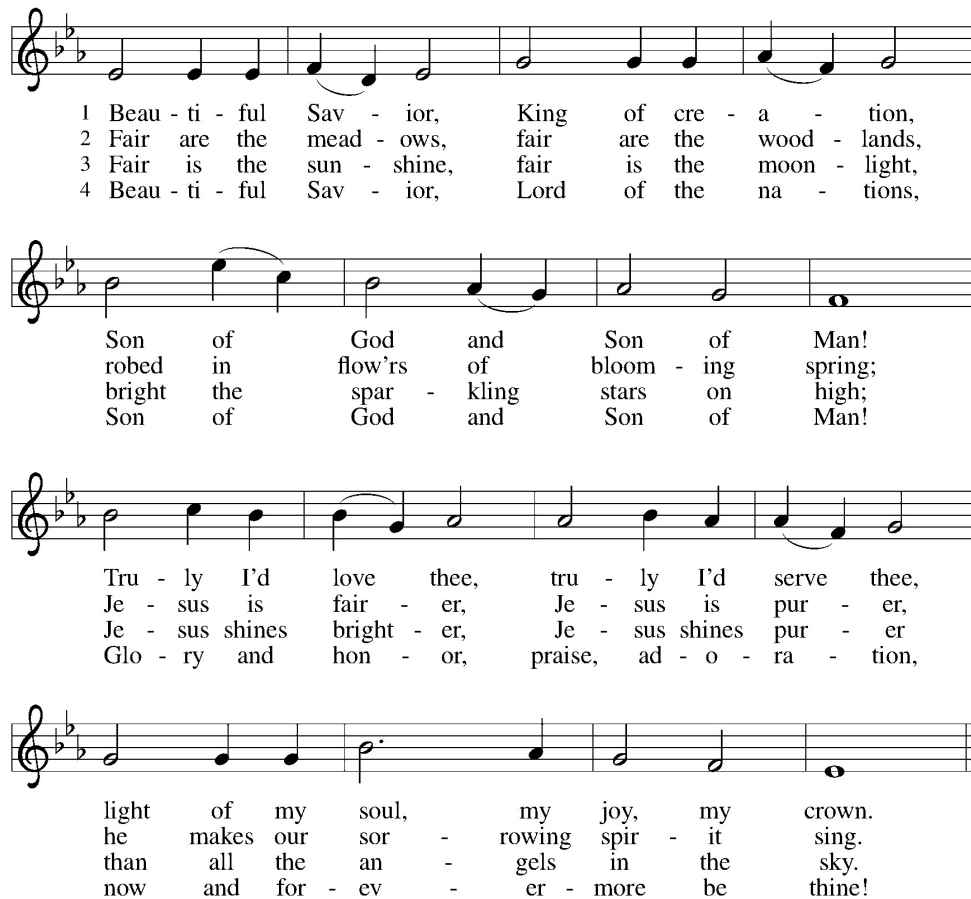
Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life,
**bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and
of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.**

On either side of the river is the tree of life
with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month,
**and the leaves of the tree
are for the healing of the nations.**

HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

PRAYER

Lord, make us instruments of your peace....and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

Most high, most powerful, good Lord,
Praise, glory, honor and blessing are yours. . . .

Praise be to you, my Lord, with all your creatures,
Especially to my reverent Brother Sun . . .

Beautiful is he and radiant with splendor great;
singing of your significance.

Praised be my Lord, for Sister Moon and for the stars . . .
Praised be my Lord for Brother Wind . . .

Praised be my Lord for Sister Water . . .
Praised be my Lord for Brother Fire . . .

Praised be my Lord for our sister, Mother Earth,
Praised be my Lord for those who forgive others for your sake . . .

Praised be my Lord for our sister, Death . . .
Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks.

PRAYER

Stir up your power, O God, and save your good creation...Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth; in the name of the one who from a wounded tree birthed a new creation, Jesus our redeemer. **Amen.**

PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING



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.

MUSICAL OFFERING – "Adagio"

G. Muffat

The assembly may rise in body or spirit as the offering is brought forward.

OFFERTORY CANTICLE





we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

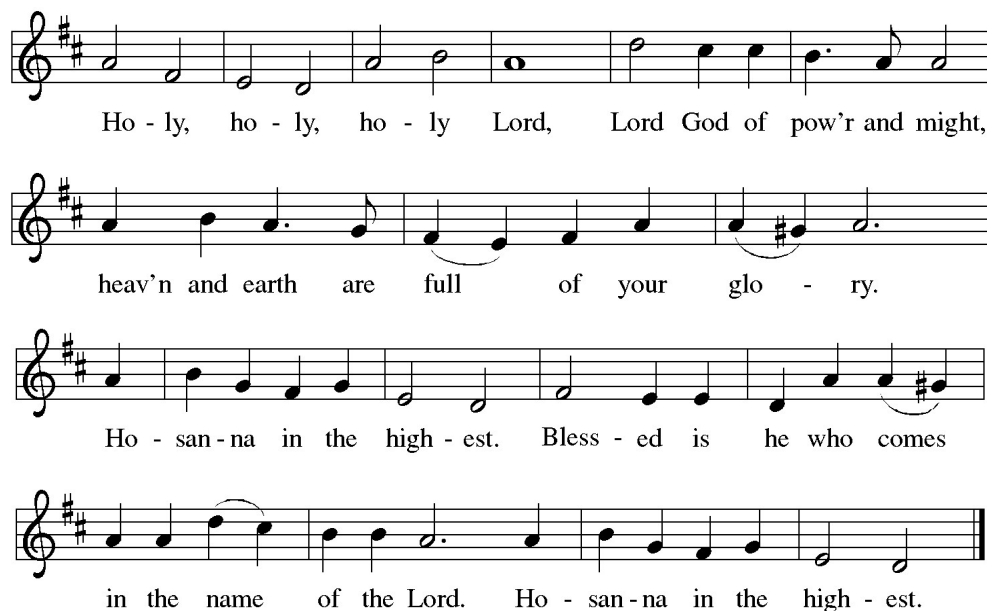
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

*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.*

*In the same way, 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.*

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. + Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory. Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This meal—gathered from the bounty creation and crafted by human hands—is for you. Gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is made ready.

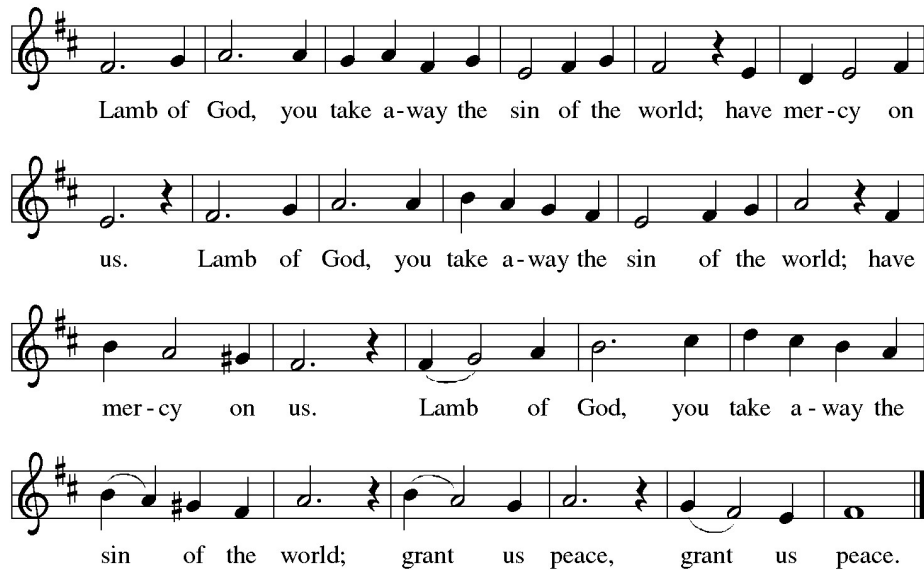
For those communing at home: Take. Eat. Drink. This is the body and blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*This is Jesus' Table and Jesus is present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! 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. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten, wheat, nut, dairy, and soy free; it does contain egg. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. 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. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the presiding minister.*

SINGING DURING COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

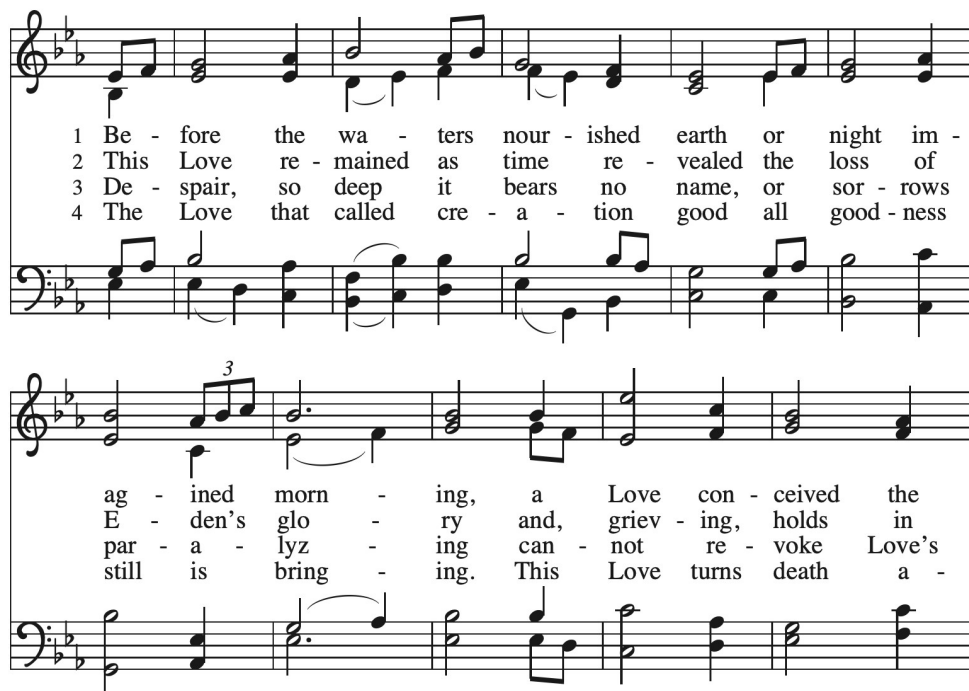
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ACS 1049

Before the Waters Nourished Earth



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness

ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody
 Text © 1996 Jeannette M. Lindholm, admin. Augsburg Fortress

ELW 502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

When all who so desire have received the Sacrament of the Altar, the assembly may rise in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting Life.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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

Let us pray: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

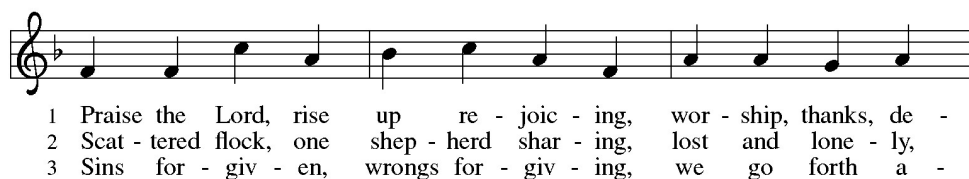
Almighty God, Lover, + Beloved, and Love, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 544

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing, in your Spir - it, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Grand Plein Jeu"

L. N. Clerambault

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— EXPECTED TO LEAD IN WORSHIP TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Karen Lundwall

ASSISTING MINISTER – Chloe Meucci

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

USHERS – Brooke & Lincoln McCall

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

VIDEO STREAMING – Nick Lang



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our families by Ellen and Lou DiPlacido.

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Robert, who died on September 8, 2016; my mother, Clara Coburn, who died on September 10, 2007; and my younger sister, Carol Emerson, who died on February 18, 2024, by Pat Young.

Thank you to Pastor Karen Lundwall for leading us in worship this morning.

Altar flowers are available on Sunday, November 29, the fifth Sunday of November. Please contact the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers. Thank you.

Today's Events

Stop in the parlor at 9:15 this morning service for delicious refreshments. Thank you to our Tuesday W/ELCA Circle for providing this time of fellowship.

FAITH5! will gather in the parlor at 9:15 this morning. This program gathers all ages around various topics to share in single “eduworship” opportunity. We will gather in the Parlor at 9:15am on the Second Sunday of each month and share a chance for everyone from our oldest to our youngest members to share and learn and grow and have a fun time growing deeper and broader and higher and further in faith together! It won't be the same without you!

Pictures will be taken following each service this morning. Pop up to the 5th floor and help us update our church directory. It will only take a few minutes to share you smiles. If your contact information has changed, please contact Norma in the church office by phone, 814-454-0106, ext. 221, or email, nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org. Thank you.

Choir rehearsal will be held at 9:20 this morning.

Congregational Life Meeting will be held at 11:30 this morning.

Faith Formation

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. **YOU** are invited to join us on Tuesday, October 6.

Brown Bag Bible (B³) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. B³ meets each Thursday throughout the summer continuing with a study on the book of Revelation. B³ returns this Thursday at 12 noon. Our next gathering will be Thursday, September 17.

We will again celebrate Confirmation on Reformation Sunday this year. If you are in 9th or 10th grade, please let Pastor Jay know if you are interested in being confirmed this year. If you are planning on being confirmed, mark your calendars for the Sundays of October after the 10:30 service with Pastor Jay in the conference room!

Worship

Bless This Night, an evening prayer service from Holden Village is held each Wednesday in September as we keep the Season of Creation. We gather at 6:30pm in the Luther Chapel. Hope to see **you** there!

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, gather the second Tuesday of each month to help with community and service projects. Bring the family down and lend a hand. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski at 814-882-1695 as outings are also posted on the app. We're hoping you can join us.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us September 22 for knitting and crocheting. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Oktoberfest, our annual delicious feast, will be held Sunday, October 4 at 11:30am in fellowship hall. The main course of bratwurst & sauerkraut, hotdogs and macaroni & cheese will be served, as well as beverages. All are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Raise your glasses and cheer – Oktoberfest! RSVP to the church office by Sunday, September 20.

Family Scavenger Hunt fun is on Sunday, September 20. Put your detective skills to the test and join us at 1:00pm as you search for our mystery destination. The Hunt will conclude no later than 5:00pm. Have some fun; join us. Please RSVP to Sarah Prylinski, 814-882-1695, or the church office no later than today.

What's Your Game? The OWLS will be having a fun afternoon of games on Wednesday, September 16. Lunch will be provided. If you have a favorite game, bring it along. Reservations were due to Jan MacInnes, 814-833-0476 or the church office by Friday, September 11.

Youth

Our Yard Sale is almost here. Treasures will be found at our annual fall yard sale on Saturday, September 19 from 8:00am – 12 noon. Stop on down to fellowship hall for some great finds. Items for the sale may be dropped in the church office. Books, TV's or large electronic items, and soft furniture will not be accepted.

Outreach

CROP Walk day is Sunday, September 27 with registration at 1:00pm and the walk beginning at 2:00pm. The Walk will begin at Beach 1. Luther Memorial (both Church **and** Academy) will have a shared Team as part of LMA Sunday celebrations. A sign-up sheet and donation packets are located at the welcome table or you may speak with Pastor Jay. If you are unable to walk, consider making a donation to someone who is walking. Donation packets are also available from the church office.

Luther Memorial Academy

Brighten your home this fall with a colorful mum. Support LMA by purchasing a \$10 voucher, stop by Gerlach's Garden Center at 3161 W. 32nd Street, and select your mum. Vouchers are available this morning from Beth Keller (2nd grade teacher). Vouchers, available in the school and church offices, will be sold until September 25, 2026 and must be redeemed at Gerlach's by October 5.

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.

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.

*Thank you to everyone for your phone calls, cards and prayers
during the 4 months that I was homebound.
You all had such a positive impact on my recovery.
We certainly do have a wonderful church family.*

Betty Pletz

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	David Leemhuis
Diane Parsons	Judy Karney	Karen Zamperini	Kate Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Mary Mumford	Paul Meucci	Brian Hubbard
Ella Graffius	Lois Smith		

Friends and Family:

Hannah Jacob	Gail Lesuer	Linda F	Erin N.
Archer Bardwell; age 3	Mike	Ellie	Peggy S.
Kimberly Dunahue	Peter Maker	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Kathy Colvin	Anthony Benacci	Valerie
Adam & Connie Ogle	Katja & family	Kathy Nicewander	Connor
Arabelle	Mary Phipps		

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

13 September – John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407 -- *John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.*

14 September – The Exaltation of the Most Holy Cross – Number 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-4; Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38; I Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:3-17 -- *Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them.*

15 September – Psalm 133; Genesis 49:29-50:14; Romans 14:13-15:2

16 September – Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, 258 – Psalm 133; Genesis 50:22-26; Mark 11:20-25 -- *Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.*

17 September – Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 1179 – Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2; II Corinthians 13:1-42 – *A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.*

18 September – Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, 1961 – Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 2:3-13; II Corinthians 13:5-10 -- *A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as Markings, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.*

19 September – Psalm 145:1-8; Zephaniah 2:13-15; Matthew 19:23-30

CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 10:00am Pericope

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 11:00am OWLS
 4:15pm School Board
 6:00pm PTL
 6:30pm *Bless This Night:*
 Evening Prayer for the Season of Creation

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible
 1:00pm Grief Group
 5:30pm Handbells

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 12:00pm Indoor Yard Sale
 10:00am Quilting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ERIE LUTHERAN CONFERENCE PULPIT EXCHANGE

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Preaching and Presiding		The Rev. Michael K. Snider
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Karen Braendel
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Stan Rose
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	