

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



20 OCTOBER 2024
The Twenty-ninth 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-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • Of the Land and Seasons • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – “Morning Has Broken”

G. Martin

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit

☞ Amen.

☞ Let us now confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,
C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
 We have squandered your bountiful gifts.
 We have considered the blessings of the harvest our due.
 We have been indifferent in planning and planting
 for the future needs of the church.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts,
 and wisdom to mature in our minds,
 so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
 and by his authority, I therefore proclaim to you the entire forgiveness
 of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

You Servants of God

ELW 825

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and

broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with

Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

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.

KYRIE

Choir

We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords, make
plow-shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

All

Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Choir

Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -
-til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

All

Chrst, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Choir

De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your
word, and root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

All

Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

God, our provider, you grant us an abundant harvest so that your children throughout the world may be fed. Establish in us thankfulness and faithful stewardship, that we may return the first fruits of praise and use your gifts of field and livestock, tree and vine to fulfill the needs of the hungry and the sojourner; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

FIRST READING:

A Reading from Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a ewe that is silent before the shearers, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors, yet he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 91:9-16 (*tune: TALLIS' CANON*)

1. Because my refuge is the Lord,
A dwelling free from any fear,
No evil shall afflict me there,
Nor yet shall any plague come near.
2. To keep me safe in all my ways,
You give the angels strict command
That, lest my foot should strike a stone,
They bear me always in their hand.
3. The lion and the adder both
My foot shall tread on, trample down;
You will protect those bound to you,
And those to whom your Name is known.

4. For I will call on you in need,
And you will surely hear my prayer
And answer me and be with me
In every trouble and despair.

5. So you will rescue me at last
And praise and honor me above,
And satisfy me with long life
And show me everlasting love.

SECOND READING:

A Reading from Hebrews 5:1-10

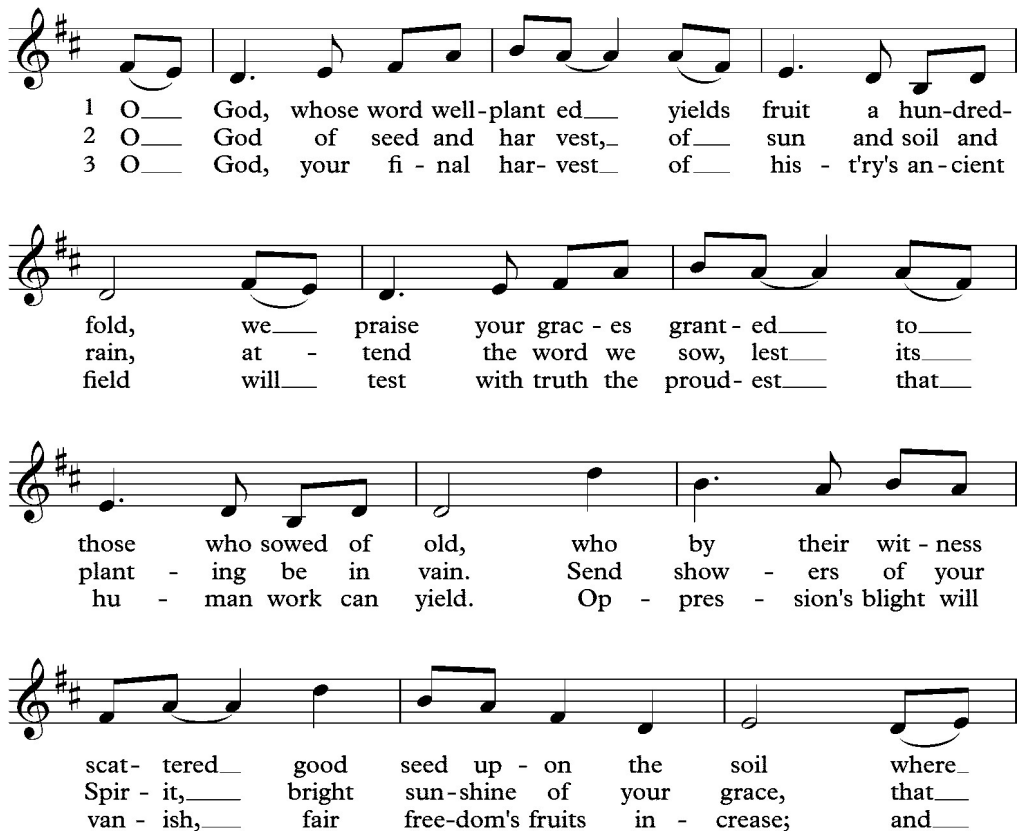
¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²The high priest is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"; ⁶as God says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

 The Word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL HYMN



1 O___ God, whose word well-plant ed___ yields fruit a hun-dred-
2 O___ God of seed and har vest,___ of___ sun and soil and
3 O___ God, your fi - nal har-vest___ of___ his - t'ry's an - cient

fold, we___ praise your grac - es grant - ed___ to___
rain, at - - tend the word we sow, lest___ its___
field will___ test with truth the proud - est___ that___

those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness
plant - ing be in vain. Send show - ers of your
hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will

scat - tered___ good seed up - on the soil where___
Spir - it,___ bright sun-shine of your grace, that___
van - ish,___ fair free-dom's fruits in - crease; and___



oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And Jesus said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers are domineering, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son-of-Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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 335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

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

A brief silence.

P Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with
 humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Creating One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you, especially Fred Bohn, Becky and Sam Hood, Mary and Erich Bohn, and Jean Fulton. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with Jesus Christ.”



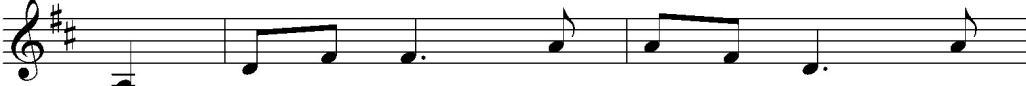
THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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

VOLUNTARY – “Simple Gifts”

J. Kerr

Please stand as you are able.



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
 grew in your good plea sure. What once was com - mon,
 lift in prayer be - fore you, Lord, by your grace now

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
 dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
 come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.


C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.
 Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are found
 in loving you rather than earthly treasure.
 For your glory and to give us the fullness of life and salvation,
 Christ emptied himself upon the cross
 and was raised in power to sit at your right hand.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join in adoring song.

Choir



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
 2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
 3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
 flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
 oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain
All Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's
glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant Creator:
for you scatter abroad and give to the poor;
you provide seed to the sower and bread for food:
Let the peoples praise you:
for you called Israel to be your chosen people,
and preserve your world and scatter it abroad.
Let the peoples praise you:
for when time had ripened, you sent the Word, your Son, into the world,
so that all might have life and have it abundantly.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

- ☐ Remembering, therefore, how he fed the hungry and gave company to outcasts;
how he healed the sick and freed those in bondage;
how he taught and guided those who were seeking you;
how he was handed over and gathered in for our sake;
how he was resurrected as the first fruits of the dead,
and how he promised to return for the great harvest home;
we give you thanks, not as we ought, but as we are able.
- ☐ Send, we pray, your Spirit into this meal.
Supply our needs, and those of all your saints,
and fill us until we overflow with thanksgiving.
Empowered by this meal, enlivened by your Spirit,
move us to glorify you in faithfulness to the gospel
and in generosity to all in need.

P United by your Spirit with all your people,
we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ,
to you, our God now and forever.

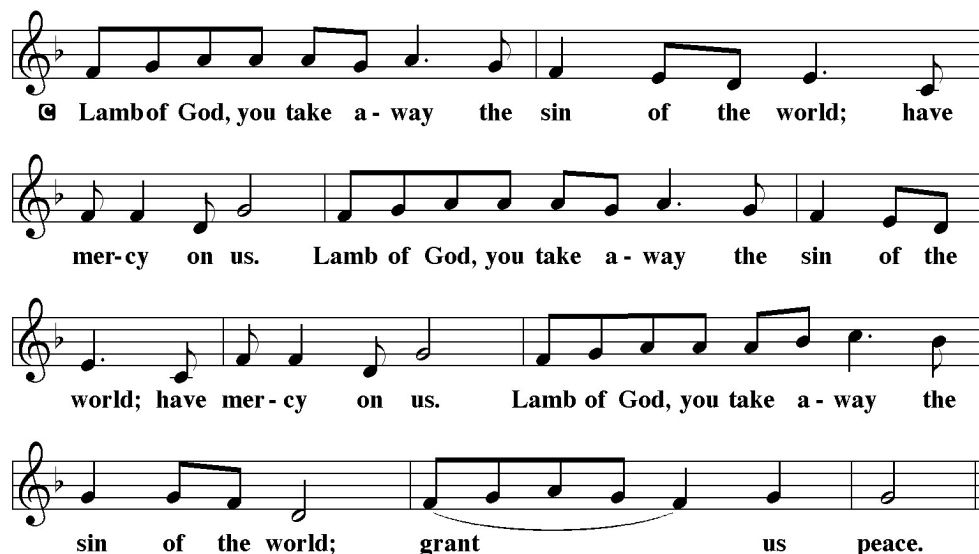
C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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



C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills,
then was brought together and became one,
so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

C Amen.

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 708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

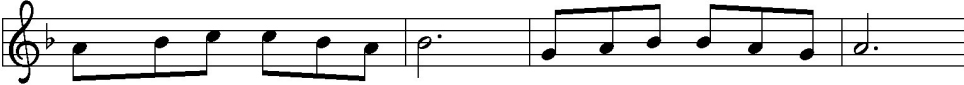
Refrain




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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We Sing Your Praise for Autumn's Glow

1 We__ sing your praise for au - tumn's glow, for__
 2 We__ praise the__ Fa - ther, praise the__ Son, and__

har - vest__ yield from spring - time seed; up -
 praise the__ Spir - it, with the throng of__

-on our__ hearts__ your grace be - stow till__
 saints and__ an - gels, joined as__ one in__

faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed.
 grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

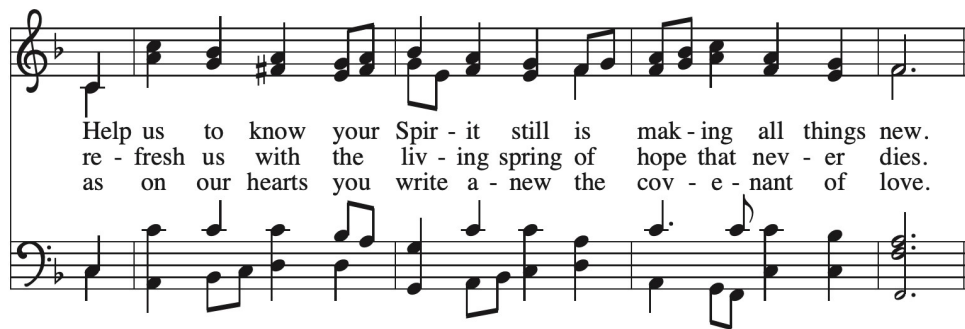
ACS 1086

O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



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TABLE BLESSING

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

☐ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

1 O Lord of the blos som, O God of the seed, O gra - cious pro -
 2 O Lord of the har - vest, O God of the feast, where sor - rows are
 vi - der for all hu-man need, you havenour-ished our faith at your
 van-quished and joys are in-creased, where the tree of life grows in your
 ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your
 or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho - rus in praise of your
 face, O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the
 love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the
 vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in
 Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in
 wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and
 One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the
 plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.
 hand, O Lord of the heav - ens, O God of the land.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture.

We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us.

Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you
and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 May God who loves us,
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,
comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Postlude”

N. Rawsthorne

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Linda Graffius

LECTOR – Christy Adams

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

USHERS – Diana Alvaro, Mary Daniels, Karen Lundwall, Betty Pletz

VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Fred, our parents, Becky and Sam Hood and Mary and Erich Bohn, and my sister, Jean Fulton, by Marilyn Bohn.

Today's Events

Adult Forum will be held in the library this morning this morning from about 9:15-10:15. Our session is about “Approaching the Bible.” This will be a Bible Study *about* studying the Bible! **Adult Forum does not meet on Sunday, October 27.**

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

Stop in the parlor following worship this morning for some light refreshments. Thank you to our Deborah Circle for providing this time of fellowship.

Trunk-or-Treat with family and friends today! Set-up in the church parking lot will begin at 12:00 noon. Treating will be held from 12:30-2:00pm. The weather is great so let's see some awesome costumes and have fun trunk-or-treating. Music by DJ Bill Mason, prizes, and a costume parade will make this a spooktacular afternoon. Please see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski with any questions.

Worship Matters

Have you been noticing a theme in gospel texts for the past few weeks? We began this “green season” back in June just after Easter learning what the Dominion of God looks like; what does it mean to be part of the community that gathers in Jesus’ name? And we heard Jesus teaching and healing since then all about the vastness and intimacy of life in him. And now as this season draws to a close (we have only a few more weeks of green before Advent), our texts turn to the life of discipleship. Not just what does life in the community look like but how are our lives shaped if we claim to be disciples of Jesus. These weeks are full of some potentially unsettling teaching from Jesus of selling possessions, drinking from the same cup of suffering as he, and giving our full trust in vulnerability to him. And the question stands for us: as disciples are we living fully into this trust and vulnerability? Are we giving our *whole selves* to the work of God in the world or just saying so on Sunday? Do we live like our confession of faith means something? It is no mistake, then, that it is during this season that we also share Commitment Sunday (this year on November 10) when we consider how we financially support the work of God. When we give our whole selves to the mission that God gives us as the Body of Christ, we are called to give of our *whole selves*. And in so doing to join ourselves to the saving work of Jesus for this weary and wounded world. You in?

Where's Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay is out of town this week attending BishCon24, a gathering of the rostered ministers of the Synod with Bishop Lozano for continuing education and retreat. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office.

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 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*.

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.

Craft Fair

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

Opportunities for Fellowship

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

Michael DeSanctis, retired Professor of Theology and Structural Design and Architecture from Gannon, will visit with the OWLS on Wednesday, November 13 and speak on church design and the theology behind it. He will also share the background regarding his building and repairing of crèches of all sizes. Lunch will be provided for this event. Please join us from 11:00am-1:30pm for this gathering. RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, November 8.

Items to Note

Daylight Savings Time will end Sunday, November 3. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2.

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.

A "BIG " Thank you goes out to the congregation on their participation in the tying of the knots on the Quilts on Sunday, October 13, 2024 . It was wonderful! Everyone young or old sharing in the event saying a prayer with a knot or knots being tied was so heartwarming.. GOD being right there in the center of it. It does not get any better than that!!

*Blessings,
Jan MacInnes and the Quilting Ladies*

Readings and Commemorations This Week

October 21 – Psalm 37:23-40; I Samuel 8:1-18; Hebrews 6:1-12

October 22 – Psalm 37:23-40; I Samuel 10:17-25; Hebrews 6:13-20

October 23 – James of Jerusalem, brother of Jesus, martyr, ca. 62 – Acts 15:12-22a; Psalm 1; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 13:54-58 -- *One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.*

October 24 – Psalm 126; Jeremiah 23:9-15; Hebrews 7:1-10

October 25 – Psalm 126; Jeremiah 26:12-24; Hebrews 7:11-22

October 26 – Philipp Nicolai, 1608; Johann Heermann, 1647; Paul Gerhardt, 1676; hymnwriters – II Chronicles, 202:20-21; Psalm 96; Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 13:44-52 -- *These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.*

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Rose-Marie Rose	Ron King
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family	Virginia Long	Pat Gilbert	Dorothy Youngman
Lois Smith	Walt Gaber	Rosanne Braine	

Friends and Family:

Kate Collins & family	Lily	Joann Guilianelli	Jenn Eddy
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Donna Peck	Curtis Krick
Leigh Ann Fassnacht	Janine Frank	Casey Smith	Fred Kern
Jean Coburn	Teddy & Rebecca	Betty M.	Cheryl Atkinson
Tom Kraut	Kevin D.	Bernadette Mulder	Steve Sensor
Andy Zimmerman	Jim Roberts	Cheryl Runstedler	Dale Dannhaus
Norma Lynch	Racheal Thompson	Joey & family	Branden Jones
Phil F.	Jenn		

Grief:

Simmons family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

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

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 10:00am LMA to Erie Philharmonic
10:00pm Magic Fingers Grace Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 1:00pm Grief Group
5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 6:00pm LMA Middle School Dance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Confirmants
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Ann Flick
Lector	10:30am	Confirmants
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	<i>(1 needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Mike Hedlund, Jeff Swanson
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	