

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



24 OCTOBER 2021

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 8:15 & 10:30



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

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

PRELUDE – “Amazing Grace”

arr. David Cherwien, Charles Callahan

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lutheran Book of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.



P God our comforter:
C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
 We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
 We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
 We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
 Free us from our sin, gracious God.
 Listen when we call out to you for help.
 Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
 Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
 By the gift of grace in \mp Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
 Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
C Amen.

*This hymn, based on Genesis 1:3, was written about 1813 by an English prelate.
 The composer of the melody was a brilliant Italian violinist and a prolific composer of operas and an oratorio.
 This melody is extremely well-regarded and is found in collections of many denominations.*

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 673

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

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 *Luke 17:13*

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

P Let us pray,

C **Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.



⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126 (*sung in alternation*) (8:15 am Service)



¹When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,**
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.
³Then they said a- | mong the nations,
“The Lord has done great | things for them.”
⁴**The Lord has done great | things for us,**
and we are | glad indeed.
⁵Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses | of the Negev.
⁶**Those who | sowed with tears**
will reap with | songs of joy.
⁷Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, should- | ering their sheaves.

PSALM: Psalm 126 (10:30 am Service)

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



¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
²Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
³Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
⁴The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed. **R**
⁵Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.
⁶Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

*Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death.
In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest.
Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;
²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity,
Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P The Gospel of the Lord

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

Please stand as you are able.

Author of the text for this hymn is a lifelong Lutheran educator from Pennsylvania who served many years as president of Gettysburg Seminary. He is also the author of about 550 hymns.

The tune, its origin anonymous, apparently comes from 18th and 19th century Roman Catholics.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 722

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Set free the missionaries who are held captive in Haiti and bring them home safely. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain and with physical and mental disabilities. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members and leaders to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith, especially Wayne Heidt. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. Romans 16:16

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY – "Amazing Grace" (8:15 am Service)

arr. David Lasky

ANTHEM – "When Peace, Like a River" (10:30 am Service)

ELW 785

MEAL – "God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ."

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

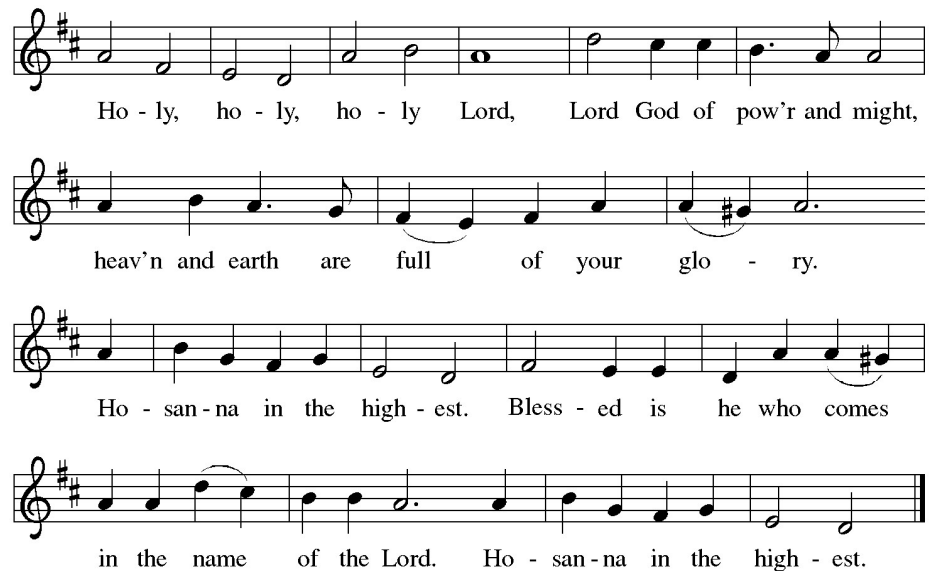
P Lift up your hearts.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God,
our bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.



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,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☩ 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. *Matthew 6:9***

AGNUS DEI

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** All who hunger and thirst, come
the table is ready.
- C** Amen.
- P** Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(10:30 am Service)

The congregation is seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing.

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

*Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it
are located in the tray on the stand in front of the baptismal font.*

Gluten-free wafers are also on the stand in the dish on top of the tray.

Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.

*If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing,
please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*


COMMUNION John 1:29

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17: 16– 17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith's Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.


HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 779


Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Lord of life,
 in the gift of your body and blood
 you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
 Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
 bearing witness to the abundance of your love
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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

BLESSING

P People of God,
you are Christ’s body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

This hymn's text was written by a contemporary hymn-writer who felt the need for a straightforward closing hymn which would energize the congregation. The melody was composed by an 18th century English churchman of considerable accomplishment.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
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
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.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, o.s.b., b. 1939
Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Amazing Grace"

arr. Charles Callahan

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING – Pastor Lundwall

ACOLYTES – Gabe & Mitch Stroup (10:30 am)

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Lois Smith (8:15 am)

Liz Stroup (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Ann Flick (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Mary Daniels, Jennifer DiTullio (10:30 am)



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my father, Wayne Heidt, on his birthday, by Ann and Gary Flick.

Offering plates are located at the doors. You are welcome to use the pew envelopes, designate how your offering is to be used and place in the plate following the service. Thank you.

Baskets are located at the doors for bulletins to be placed in following our 8:15 worship service. If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the basket. Thank you.

In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer

Sunday Morning Worship – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel. Our worship services are also available on our Luther Memorial Church website. If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Norma Buerk in our church office.

Today's Events

Trunk or Treat will be held this afternoon in our Luther Memorial Church parking lot. This will be a super fun event for the entire family, safely held outside with all treats individually wrapped. We are hoping for full parking lot of cars filled with treats for our trunk-or-treaters. Set up will be at 12:30pm; the event will be held from 1:30-3:00pm. Decorate your car, wear a costume, and enjoy.

NWPA Synod Fall Celebration will be held today at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 800 Moran Street, Oil City. The musical prelude will begin at 3:00pm with The Festival of Word and Sacrament beginning at 3:30pm. This will be the first in-person gathering as a synod in over two years. Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin, President of United Lutheran Seminary will be preaching; Rev. Kimberly Hirsch of Lamb of God will preside. Join us for “We are Church, We are Called”. A light meal will follow; masks are required.

Pictorial Directory

Pictures are being taken this morning for a new Pictorial Directory. We encourage everyone to have their picture taken so we have a new updated directory, which will also aid a new pastor.

- Pictures will be taken in the church parlor following the 8:15 and 10:30 services this morning by Casey and Mike Hedlund.
- Pictures will also be taken during the week from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Please stop in our church office and Norma will meet with you to take your picture.
- We also welcome you to email or text pictures. Pictures may be texted to 814-450-7162 or emailed to nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org.

Worship

At Luther Memorial Church we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes for grades 4-6 will be held this morning from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Masks are worn and all safety protocols are followed. We hope to see many of our children join us. Our class schedule is as follows:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (November 7)
Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (November 14)
LYO – third Sunday of the month (November 21)
Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (October 24)

Bibles will be presented to our third grade children on Reformation Sunday, October 31. Please contact the church office if your son and/or daughter are in the third grade and will be receiving their Bible on October 31. Thank you.

Opportunities for Fellowship

OWLS will receive important information as Kathy Sahlmann, a pharmacist, presents a drug program on Tuesday, November 16. We will gather in the parlor at 11:00am and are looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, November 12.

Magic Fingers Grace Group would like to see you at their next gathering on Tuesday, October 26. Join us from 10:00am – 12:00 noon and enjoy working on any knitting, crocheting, or crafty project you'd like. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. **Learn how to crochet** with a lesson from Cathy Beck on Tuesday, November 9. Bring a crochet hook (any size) and yarn. If you're just starting out and need yarn, we'll have some for you. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

Youth Fundraiser

Orders are being taken through Monday, October 25 for the famous Stanganelli's cookie dough, pies, cheesecakes, garlic knots, pepperoni balls and so many of their delicious goodies to satisfy your cravings. Order forms are available in the church office and at the hospitality tables. Your orders may be dropped off in the church office or with Beth Keller. Thank you.

Luther Memorial Church Policy – Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines

In accordance with the Pennsylvania mask mandate in place, it is necessary for all those worshipping at Luther Memorial Church wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

CALENDAR

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| MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 6:00pm | Legos |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10:00am | Magic Fingers Grace Group |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 7:00pm | Worship & Music Committee |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 6:00pm | Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 6:00pm | Legos |
| | 7:15pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 | | |
| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 | | |

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021 REFORMATION SUNDAY

Pastor Brian Moran will preach at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in “Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA”. Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church’s website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of “Resources & Online Worship” and “Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study”.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

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| Sarah Prylinski | Dorothy Overberg | Judy Crissman | Cathy MacGregor |
| Mike Daniels | Dorothy Respecki | Roy Washill | Bill Grande |
| Bob Peterson | David Ruler | Jessica Copfer | Peyton Thomas |
| Joyce Zwilling | Mark Howell | Laura Beth Kraut | Shirley Brown |
| Lois Fobes | Suzanne Franks | Linda Soles | Mark Lechner |
| Tim Houston | Dave Mumford | | |

Friends and Family:

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| Cecily DeMille | Patty Chadwick | Bob Sadowski | Bobbi MacInnes |
| Loraine Pond | Kristen | Larry E. | Kirsten Braley |
| John & Naomi Howard | Amy Valentine | Jesse McFadden | Abby |
| Madison & family | Ed Hokaj | Elijah Montero | Ray Polasky |
| Marianella | Linda Grimm | Shelly | Rich Hudic |
| Kim Robertson | Edna Pett | Bea Becknell | Katrina Foltz |
| Josie W. | Jeff F. | Kimberly Ferry | Juan Esparza |
| Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S. | Clarice Moore | Don Ingram | Bob Guenther |
| Linda & Woody F. | Julie Pond | David | Debbie S. |
| Hildy | Paul Spierling | Frank S. | Mitch Dougan |
| Mike Cesnick & family | Ben Young | Pamela Hagele | Pam Torrelli |
| Chet & Pam W. | Bill | John Shafer | Norman Jensen |
| N. S. | Aiden Mack | Marie Checkley | Kim Hunkins |
| Tom Ridge | Ethan Polasky | Julie | Betsy |
| Laurie, Eric & family | Tom Kraut | Kayley Prinzi | Amy |
| Brandon Jones | Bruce Elfvin | Clarence Chase | Dick Lechner |
| Conor Chadwick | Lucia Doyle | Jeff F. | Sue Kuhn |
| Brandon & Stacey Campbell | Jack Wong | Pete Battersby | Sue Gerke |
| Tom McGrail | Kathryn P. | Dr. Carl Seon | Sam Ruma |
| Missy & Jeff | Sue Agens | Bob Fisher | Lesley |
| Jim Haskins | Dennis Chevalier | Patrick L | Paula Bauda |
| Marilyn Schultz | Ron Trisket | Sidney | Frank Nalepa |
| Scott Respecki | Bryan & Bev | Judy Oosterkamp | Logan |
| Carolyn & Viktor Soder | Meghan Kessler | Dorothy McCarty | Jim Schumacher |
| Bishop Michael Lozano | Lucas Smith | Steve & Leah W. | |

Our Military Service Men & Women:

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| Lt. Col. Matt Anderson | Michael Stickner | Andrew Watson |
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