

WELCOME TO
**LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY**



23 AUGUST 2026
The 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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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

Please rise in body or spirit.

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.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin...Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**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 not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us.

Forgive us,

renew us,

and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will

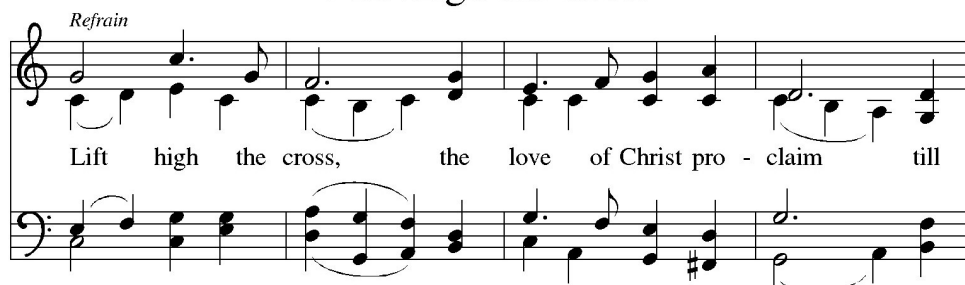
and walk in your ways,

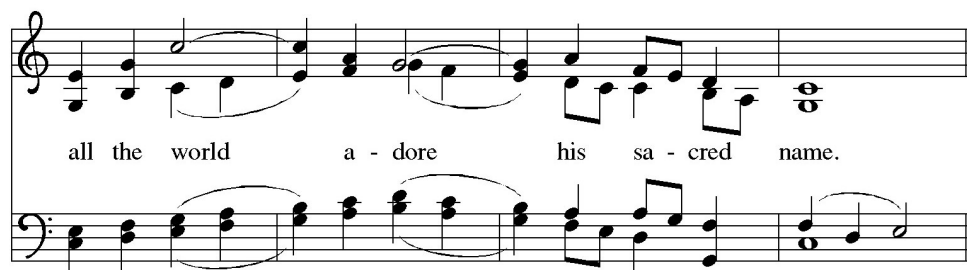
to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

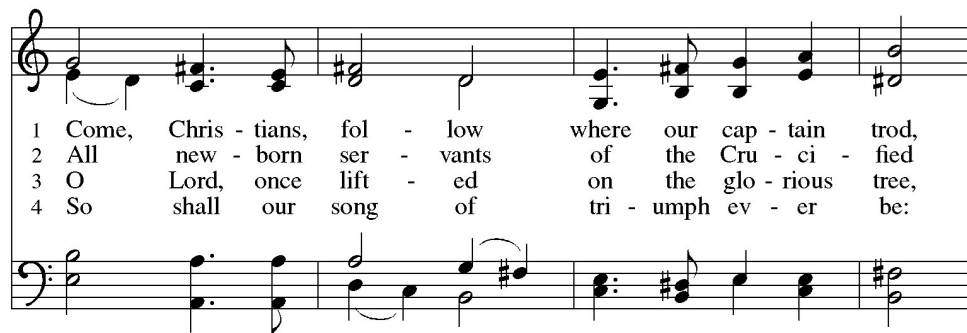
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

Amen.

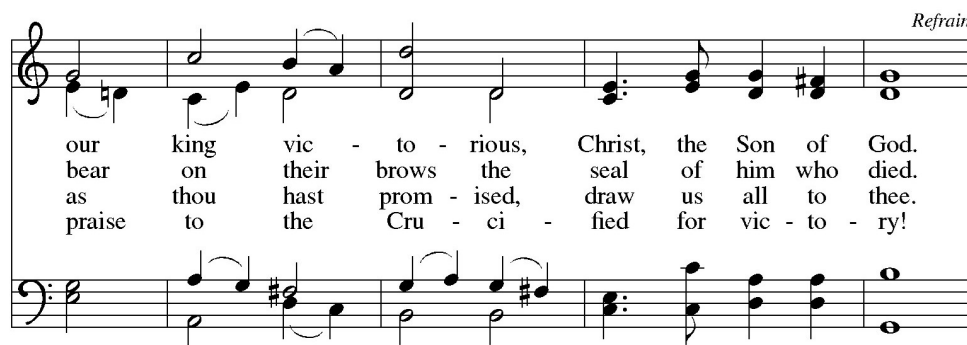
GATHERING HYMN**ELW 660****Lift High the Cross**



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain
 our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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OPENING SENTENCE

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God.

And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray: Bless Lynnette O Lord, as she reads to us the scriptures. As rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the earth is watered, let your word not return empty, but accomplish your purpose and succeed in that for which it was sent; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

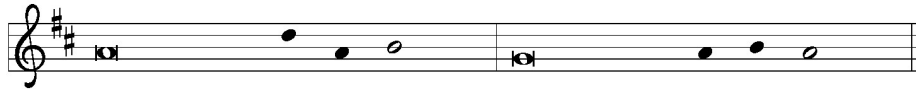
¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

The psalm is sung by all according to Tone 22:



¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

² Test me, O | Lord, and try me;

examine my heart | and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

⁴ I have not sat | with the worthless,

nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R

⁵ I have hated the company of | evildoers;

I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶ I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,

that I may go in procession | round your altar,

⁷ singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving

and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

⁸ Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell

and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep

with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

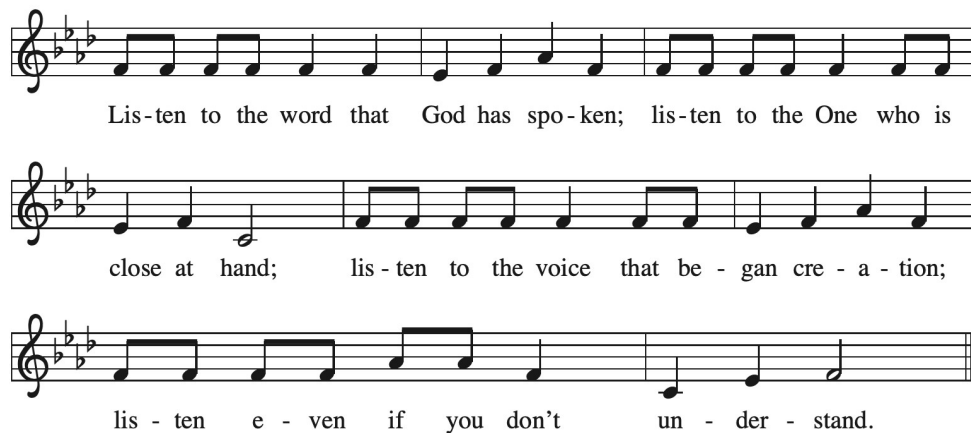
Thanks be to God!

The congregation may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS 974

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Human One is to come with the angels in the glory of the Creator, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Human One coming in power.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

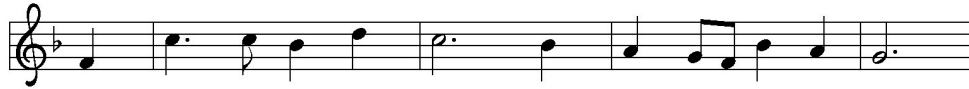
Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain

We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945
 Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936
 Text and music from *New Hymns for the Lectionary*, © 1984 Oxford University Press, Inc.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Uphold our leaders: Yehiel and Kristen, our bishops; Jean, our dean; Jay, our pastor, and all called to serve your Church. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit who we call out now: _____.
 Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that we remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the faithful departed, your saints: Nikolai Frederikl, and our own beloved dead: Nancy, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
All share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

ACS 970

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

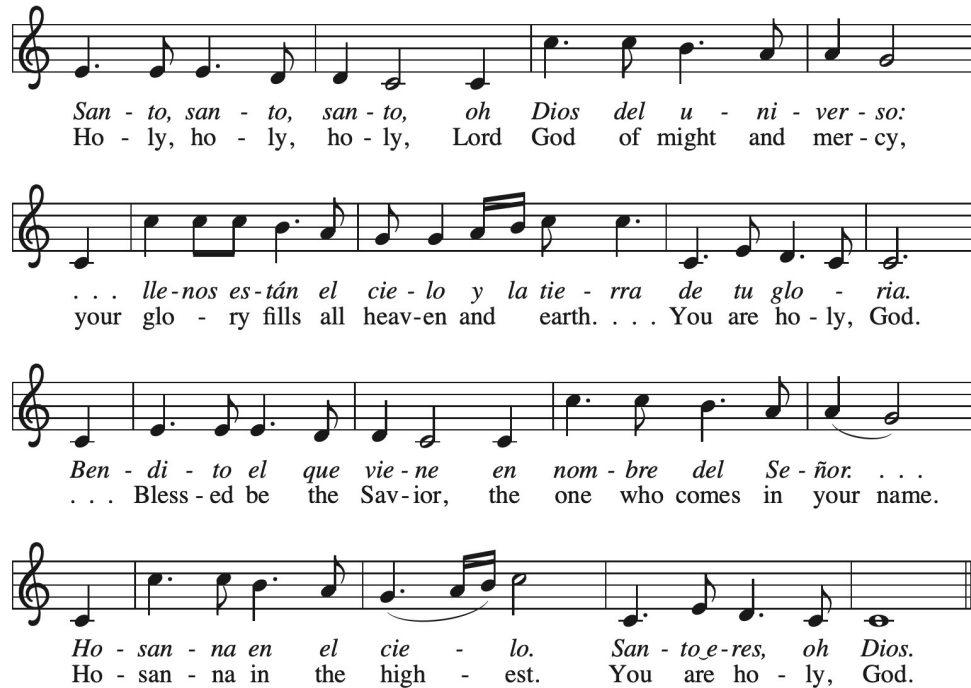
Lift up your hearts.

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,...join their unending hymn:



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional
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Blessed are you, Sovereign of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Beloved, that all believers should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Savior with a living faith, who comes to us in this holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*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.*

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

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ 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. If you are in need to gluten-free bread, please let the pastor know. 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 Pastor.*

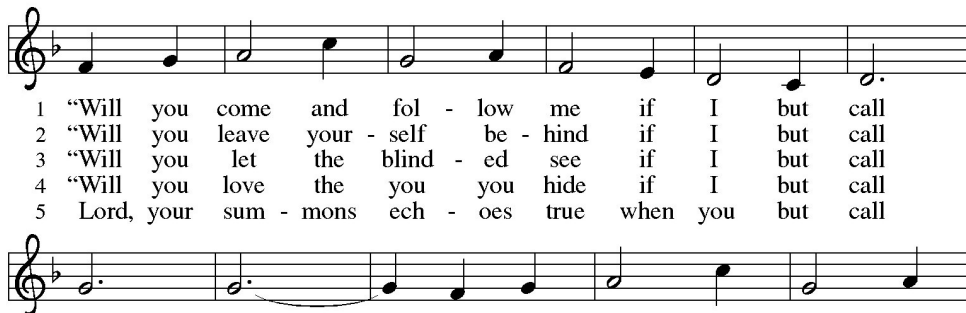
HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 798

Sung as time requires while all who so desire receive Communion.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND THOSE BEGINNING THEIR YEAR

For the marvels of your creation, **we praise you, O God.**
For the opportunity to explore and study, **we praise you, O God.**
For those who guide us, teachers and mentors, **we praise you, O God.**
Teach us your ways and guide us in your path, for you are the creator of all that is seen and unseen.

Amen.

Dear God, ... We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

ELW 485

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less you eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

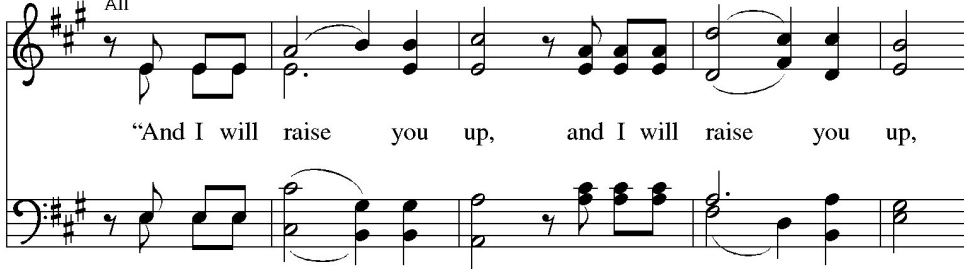
come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and
I am the life. If you be -
you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son of . . . God, who have

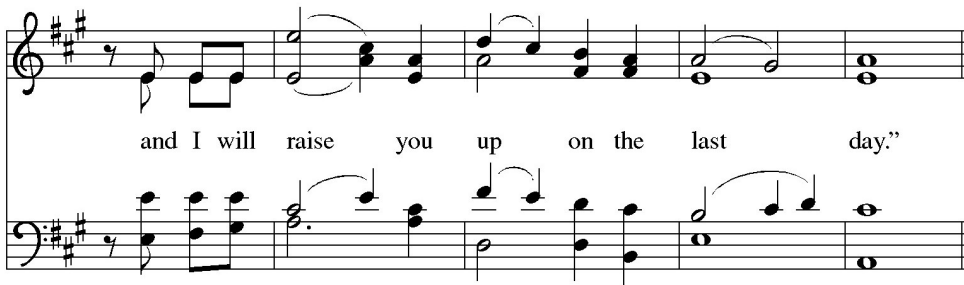


me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.”
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er.”
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you.”
 die, you shall live for - ev - er.”
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
 All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Lynnette Gustafson

USHERS – Carol & Bob Davidson, Jane & Dave Kinzig

ALTAR GUILD – Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Nancy E. Shaner’s birthday by her daughter, Sally McAfee.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be offered during worship services this morning. We hope to send you off with lots of prayer and many blessings as the new school year begins. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year.

Fifth Sunday Offering: This Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month! We often receive an additional offering on these Sundays to help ministries beyond our congregation. August's 5th Sunday Offering was originally scheduled to be for Lutheran Disaster Response. While LDR is a worthy cause, we were informed on Tuesday—the first day of school—that one of our LMA family's home burned down on Sunday. Our Fifth Sunday Offering this month, then, will be going to this family to support them as they find stability in the months ahead. If you would like to donate further to this family, please contact Mrs. Thom in the school office (M-F 8:15-2:25) to find out how you can help. Thank you for your generosity for one of our Luther families!

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, September 1.

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 3.

FAITH5! This fall we are kicking off a new program called Faith5: Cross+Gen. 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! The first Faith5: Cross+Gen gathering will be Sunday, 13 September. See you there!

Worship

Bless This Night, an evening prayer service from Holden Village will be 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. On Tuesday, September 8 we will begin organizing the donated items that have been received for our yard sale. 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 8 and 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.

Family Scavenger Hunt fun is on Sunday, September 19. Put your detective skills to the test and join us at 12:00pm 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 by Wednesday, September 9.

What's Your Game? The OWLS will be having a fun afternoon of games on Wednesday, September 16 at 11:00am. Lunch will be provided. If you have a favorite game, bring it along. Reservations are 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 beginning the week of September 7. Books, TV's or large electronic items, and soft furniture will not be accepted.

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.

LMA's Block Party will be held Saturday, September 12. Bring the family, grab some friends, and join us for a fun afternoon of games, bingo, cornhole and more. And the kids will have blast in the jump house, too. Stop down from 12:00 noon-4:00pm; rain or shine we're gonna have a good time. The QR code may be used to purchase block party tickets ahead of time and to register for cornhole.



Health Notes

RAM, Remote Area Medical Clinic, is now in its third year. RAM offers free dental, vision and medical services. The Clinic will be held Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13. The parking lot opens at 11:59pm with the Clinic opening at 6:00pm. Park and register at ECAT Wayne Lot, 934 East 7th Street. The Clinic is located at ECAT Wayne, 650 East Avenue. Services offered are at a first-come, first-served basis.

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.

— 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	Betty Pletz	Brian Hubbard
Ella Graffius	Lois Smith		

Friends and Family:

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

Our Military Service Men & Women:

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

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Newsletter Mailing

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00am

Pericope

10:00am

Grace Group

12:00pm

Deborah Circle

6:30pm

Bible After Dark

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:30pm

Bless This Night:

Evening Prayer for the Season of Creation

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00am

Diabetes Prevention Program

12:00pm

Brown Bag Bible

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Assisting Minister

8:15am

Mark Howell

10:30am

Stan Rose

Communion Assistant (*1 needed*)

10:30am

Lector (*1 needed*)

10:30am

C. Noelle Partusch

Altar Guild

8:15am

Cathie Dugan

10:30am

Martha & Tom Klomp

Greeter

8:15am

Vicky Blasco

10:30am

Video Streaming

10:30am

Patrick Cimino

Counters

10:30am

Jonathan Gaber, Ken Kraut

Ushers (*4 needed*)

10:30am