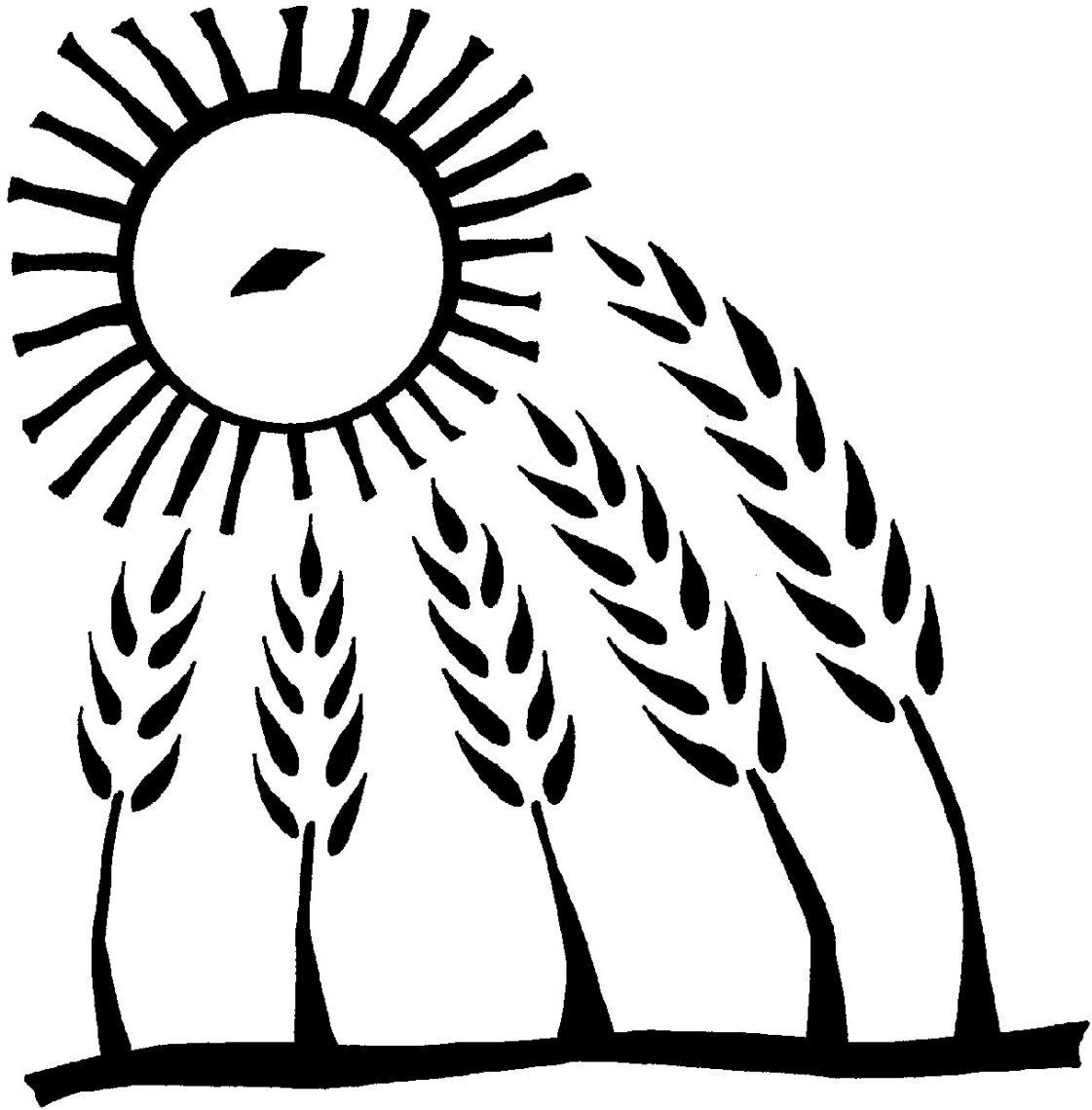


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



1 SEPTEMBER 2024
The Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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

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Youth and Family Ministry

JAN MACINNES

Care Ministry

WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

TOGETHER WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have need to **children's** bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

- Children are always welcome in worship and together we make a joyful noise! However, if you have need, a staffed nursery is available down the stairs across from the Welcome Table.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for "Handicap Bathroom." Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshipping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Charles Callahan, James Biery, John Innes

"For the Beauty of the Earth" & "This Is My Father's World"

arr. Bill Wolaver

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

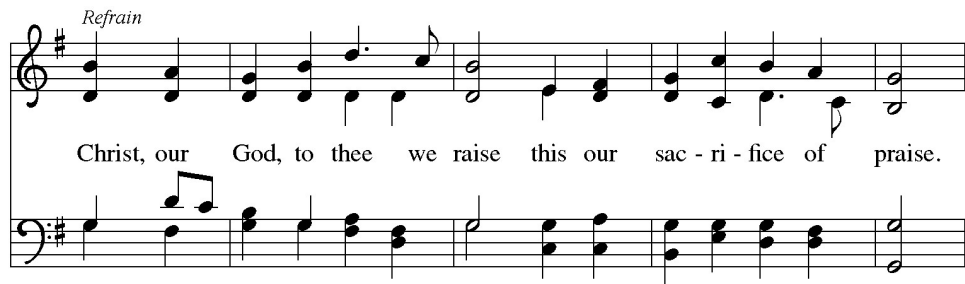
ENTRANCE HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

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

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



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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹“So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. ⁶“You must observe them and perform them, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ ⁷For what other great nation has a deity so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call out? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹“But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15 (Read responsively.)

- ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jewish people, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked Jesus, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸“You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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.

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

APOSTLES' CREED

A Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

You may kneel, sit, or stand as is your custom.

- A** Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

- A** God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed, especially Colleen and George Schaefer and Randy Hessinger. We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A** We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord is with you.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

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



THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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

VOLUNTARY – "My Heart Ever Faithful"

(Barb Moore, flute soloist)

J. S. Bach

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ACS 1092

Thank You, Lord

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

Lord,
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

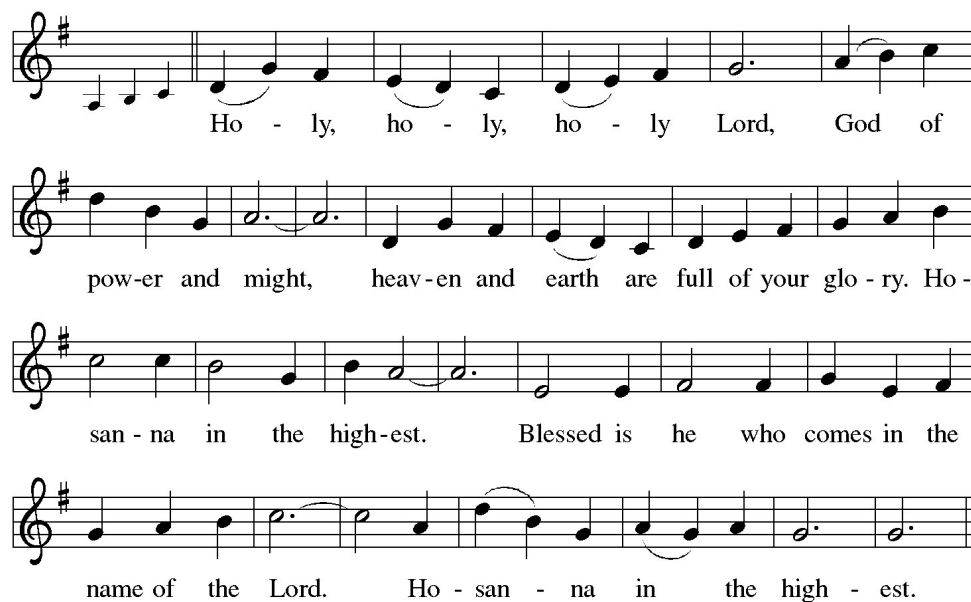
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P *It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:*

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

C The earth is full of your glory.

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

C The earth is full of your glory.

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

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

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

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

C The earth is full of your glory. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

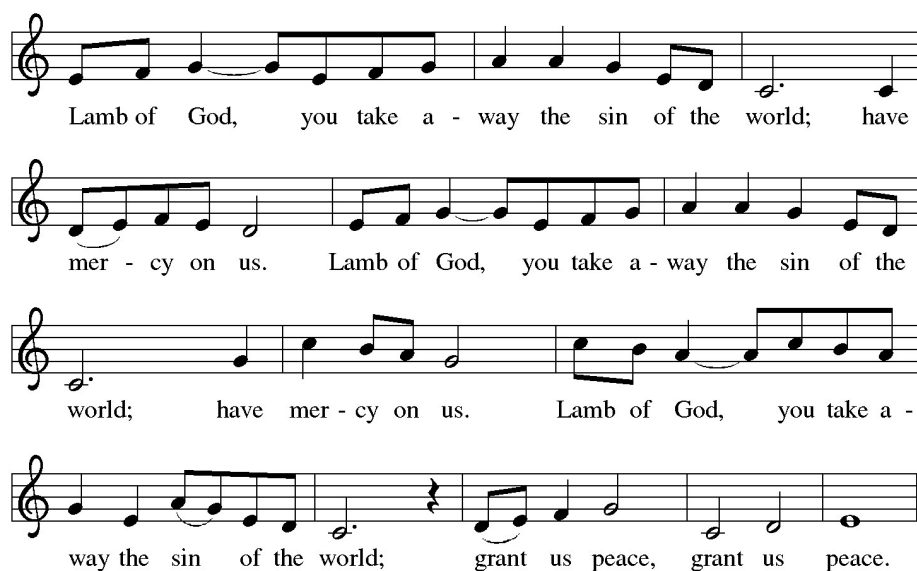
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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



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 Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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 710

Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

TABLE BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

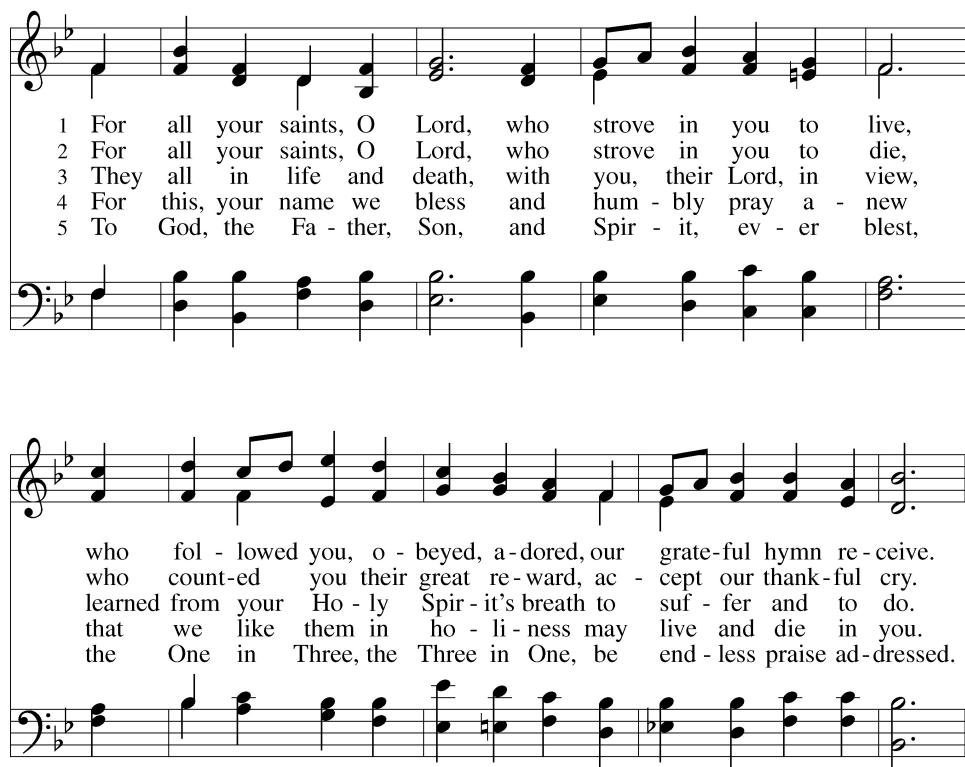
P ...now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 176

For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,

who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Carillon"

Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Linda Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Barb Dennison

LECTOR – Ann Flick

INSTRUMENTALIST – Barb Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Jeanne Gaber, Betty Pletz

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents, Colleen and George Schaefer, by the Hedlund family.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Randy Hessinger who died August 22, 2024. His funeral service was held August 31 at Luther Memorial Church with Pastor Jay officiating.

Next Sunday (September 8) is full of lots of fun as we begin our program year. Please be sure you plan to join us particularly as we bless Cantor Walt Gaber into retirement at each service!

Many youth have headed off to college soon. Please contact Norma in the church office and share their mailing and/or email address with us so we can keep in touch. Thank you.

Ushers are needed for our 10:30 services. Four volunteers are needed each Sunday. Please contact Norma in our church office if you would like to help; it would very appreciated. Thank you.

Today's Events

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

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

Worship

Our prelude begins at 10:25 each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshipping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A **reminder** that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

Worship Matters

With Labor Day weekend comes the end of our social summer. We are transitioning into new seasons in our life: school is starting, vacations are mostly over, and we're anticipating cooler weather and leaf changes and all that autumn has to bring. Now, it's not quite meteorological autumn yet, but we can feel that transition. And while we are preparing for that change in season, we are still in the same "green season" in the Church. We have another three months of Ordinary Time! There are, regardless of anything else that goes on, 34 weeks of the year that we celebrate Ordinary Time. That's over two thirds of the year! There will be some changes in our worship beginning next week just to keep things interesting—our liturgical setting will change, we will again share in the Second Reading, and some other simple changes to keep the year rolling forward. However, we are nevertheless still in the same season. Let us continue our counting (that's what "Ordinary" means, after all!) and listening and growing in our faith that the harvest might be plentiful.

Adult Faith Formation

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

Christian Education

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

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

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

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

Brown Bag Bible will gather each Wednesday in the parlor beginning September 11 at 12:00 noon for Bible Study and discussion. You are invited to bring lunch for yourself. Our first topic; *How Did THAT Get in My Bible?!*

B.A.D. (Bible After Dark) gathers at the Brewerie the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book ***Context*** by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

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

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group and Quilters will gather for a picnic at Jan MacInnes' home, 623 Oakmont Avenue, on Tuesday, September 3 at 11:30am. We're looking forward to a fun and enjoyable afternoon together. Please contact Jan with any questions.

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; September 10 and 24 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.

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

Dinner with Our Flock will gather on the third Wednesday of the month September-December beginning September 18. Join us at 5:30pm for dinner in fellowship hall. The main dish will be provided, please bring a dish to share. Get your mid-week boost with dinner, a short Bible lesson and craft.

Great Deals

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

Luther Memorial Academy

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

Outreach

Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, September 29. Luther Memorial (both Church **and** Academy) will have a shared Team this year as part of LMA Sunday celebrations. Everyone is encouraged to walk and make a difference in our community to help fight hunger. If you are unable to walk, consider making a donation to someone who is walking. A donation packet is available from Pastor Jay or the church office. Registration begins at 1:00pm with the Walk beginning at 2:00pm.

Harding School Alumni

Harding School 100th Birthday Party will be held Thursday, September 26 from 4:30-6:30pm. They are hoping to contact alumni to help celebrate this event. If you attended Harding School and would like more information on this celebration, please contact Shanna Potter, 814-490-6472.

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.

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Marilyn Rositer	Cathy Beck & Jim
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	Virginia Long
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family			
Friends and Family:			
Kate Collins & family	Lily	Marlo	Jenn Eddy
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Curtis Krick
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Stephanie Volland	Barbara Beatty	Jonah Allgeier
Jean Coburn	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters
Connie Haibach & family	Katja Mestrom	Bernadette Mulder	Steve Sensor
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry
Andy Zimmerman	Norma Lynch	Kevin D.	Lynn Swanson
Grief:			
Randy Hessinger family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day

Church & School Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

11:30am

12:00pm

3:00pm

Magic Fingers & Quilt Picnic/MacInnes' Home

Deborah Circle

W/ELCA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:30pm

Bible After Dark (Brewerie)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00am

12:00pm

Quilt Gathering

LMA Block Party

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Pastries with the Pastor at 9:00am and 11:30am.

Sunday School for grades PreK-Grade 5 at 9:30am.

Confirmation Class Orientation for students, Grade 6-12, and parents at 11:30am.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Ellen DiPlacido
	10:30am	Vance Meucci
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	(1 needed)
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Jonathan Gaber
Ushers (4 needed)	10:30am	Sue Cappelletty, Linda Graffius

Readings and Commemorations This Week

September 2 – Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, 1872 – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 46; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Mark 10:35-45 -- *Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.*

September 3 – Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:15-20; I Peter 2:19-25

September 4 – Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Mark 7:9-23

September 5 – Psalm 146; Isaiah 30:27-33; Romans 2:1-11

September 6 – Psalm 146; Isaiah 32:1-8; Romans 2:12-16

September 7 – Psalm 146; Isaiah 33:1-9; Matthew 15:21-31