

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



6 OCTOBER 2024
The Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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Youth and Family Ministry

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WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

TOGETHER WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – “Sonata Per Organo”

V. Bellini

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

☞ **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

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW 835



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

Please be seated.

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The Lord God said, “It is not good that the creature of earth, the human, should be alone; I will make a helper as partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the human to see what their name would be, and whatever they were called, that was its name.

²⁰The human gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the human there was not found a helper as partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the creature of earth, and the human slept; then God took one of the ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the human the Lord God made into another and brought the new creature to the first. ²³Then the creature of earth said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his woman, and they become one flesh.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8 (tune: ST. PETER)

1. O Lord our God, in all the earth
Your great Name is extolled;
Your majesty is far beyond
What heaven itself can hold.
2. You have ordained that children’s lips
Should praise your Name today
That all your enemies and foes
Should have no more to say
3. When I look up and see the moon
And stars in heaven above,
Lord, why should you remember us
And visit us in love?
4. Yet you have made us only less
In honor and renown
Than all the heavenly hosts above.
You set on us a crown.

5. All sheep and oxen, beasts and birds,
We rule in your great Name;
O Lord our God, in all the world
Your glory we proclaim.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

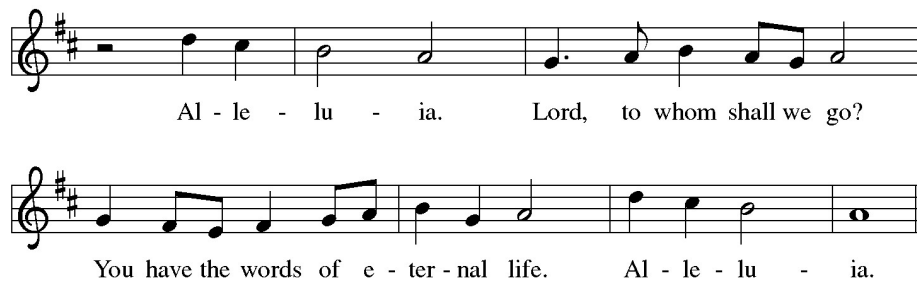
¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom God also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and sustains all things by his powerful word. When the Son had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God Jesus might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them members of his family, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my family; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some people, testing Jesus, asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" ³Jesus answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a husband to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked Jesus again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whatever man divorces his spouse and marries another commits adultery, ¹²and if she divorces her spouse and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing children to Jesus in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the dominion of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive

the dominion of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1099

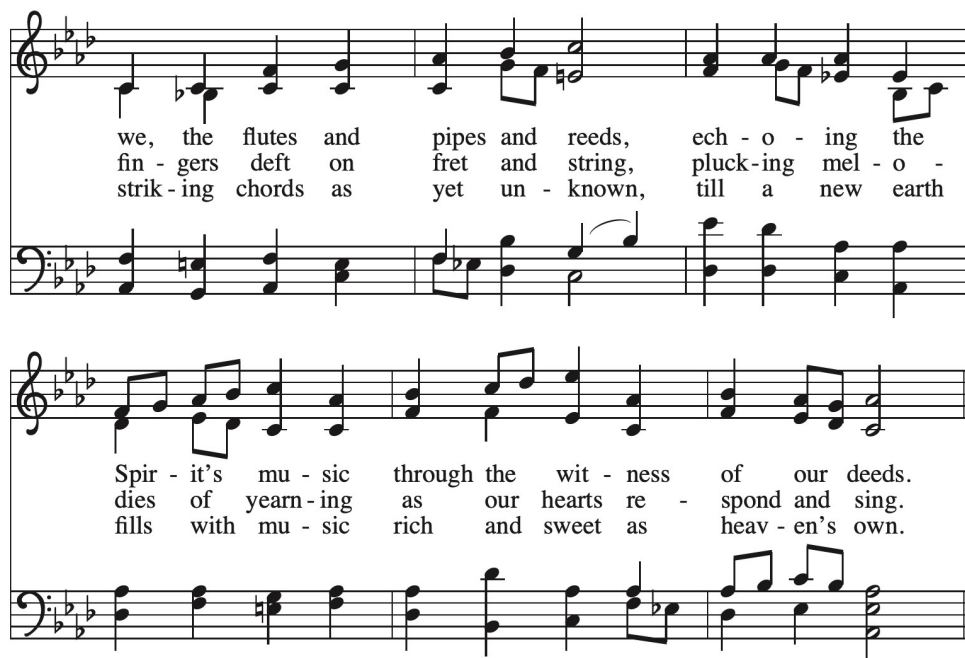
Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us

1 Kneel - ing in the dust to form us,
2 Shaped of flesh and bone and sin - ew,
3 Tem - pered bells re - sound and more clear - ly,

mold - ing with a pot - ter's care, God blows breath of
sound - ing cham - bers for the Word, we are tuned by
forged of met - als bright and pure. So our lives, re -

life and Spir - it— pre - lude in the morn - ing air.
dai - ly prac - tice, sea - soned by each les - son heard.
fined by Wis - dom, sound in ac - cents that en - dure.

We be - come God's liv - ing ves - sels:
Skill - ful - ly, the Spir - it plays us,
God's own hand rings out the chang - es,



we, the flutes and pipes and reeds, ech - o - ing the
fin - gers deft on fret and string, pluck - ing mel - o -
strik - ing chords as yet un - known, till a new earth

Spir - it's mu - sic through the wit - ness of our deeds.
dies of yearn - ing as our hearts re - spond and sing.
fills with mu - sic rich and sweet as heav - en's own.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: TURNBULL, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
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THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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

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

A brief silence.

P God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. Awaken our hearts and ears and minds to seek the common good of all. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet, especially William Tyndale, Ruth and James Timpe, Miriam and Wilfred Boyd, Catherine Timpe DiFuccia, and Bill Schaal, Sr. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

☑ Amen.

THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord is with you.

☑ And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with Jesus Christ.”



THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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

VOLUNTARY – “Reverie”

N. Rawsthorne

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ACS 1063

God of the Fertile Fields

A musical score for the hymn "God of the Fertile Fields" (ACS 1063). It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has two verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a key signature change to one sharp (F#) in the final measure.

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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

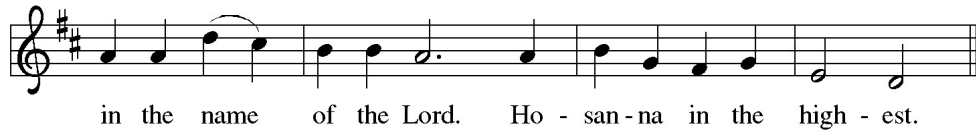
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- ☐ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

*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.*

- ☐ For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☑ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- ☐ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

- ☐ To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ 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.

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

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

Let the Whole Creation Cry

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,

from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffé.
 Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.

All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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TABLE BLESSING

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

☐ Amen.

Care Ministers please come forward to the steps.

BLESSING OF COMMUNION CARE MINISTERS

- ☐ Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth from this table to share your word and sacrament with those of our community who are sick or homebound. In your loving care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that the Meal we have shared here may be extended for our siblings who are not here.

- ☑ We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let

ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ☐ Let us pray: 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.

- ☑ Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING



- ☐ ...now and forever.

- ☑ Amen.



Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator





Choir 1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
All 2 Praise the Lord, all moun - tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
All 3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the

stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
 wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
 heights let prais - es re - sound to the Lord, the source of

tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and
 all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
 strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is

love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (Oh,)
 sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh,)
 found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (Oh,)




God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!
 Both young and old, come and join in the song!
 Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Oktoberfest Voluntary”

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Barb Dennison

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Tom Klomp

LECTOR – Mike Hedlund

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

USHERS – Mitchell & Marshall Boyd, Sue Cappelletty, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Ruth and James Timpe, our grandparents, Miriam and Wilfred Boyd, and our sister, Catherine Timpe DiFuccia, by Elaine Kern and Sandy Barbaro.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my beloved husband, Bill Schaal, Sr., by his wife, Carol.

Today's Events

Adult Forum begins this morning gathering in the library. We will meet from about 9:15-10:15. Our first session will be “Approaching the Bible.” This will be a Bible Study *about* studying the Bible!

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

Join us for Oktoberfest this morning at 11:30 in fellowship hall. A delicious main course of bratwurst & sauerkraut, hotdogs and macaroni & cheese will be provided, as well as beverages. All are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let's raise a cold glass of beer and celebrate Oktoberfest.

Family scavenger hunt fun will be held today from 1:00-5:00pm. Have an exciting afternoon solving clues and arriving at your surprise destination. See Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski following services.

Presque Isle ProMusica Oktoberfest Concert & Picnic begins at 4:00 this afternoon. The Presque Isle ProMusica, our orchestra-in-residence, will present *Oktoberfest*, a concert and picnic celebrating the harvest and the beautiful days of fall. We'll have German and Austrian music, from Mozart and Wagner to Johann Strauss Jr., besides the traditional brats, craft beer and sauerkraut, available for purchase – and for dessert, ice cream from Penn State's famous creamery! Come early (*the ice cream truck arrives at 3:30*) and stay late!

If the weather looks like being outdoors will be fun, bring a lawn chair or blanket... we'll be indoors if it rains. No matter where we are, come with a hearty appetite for the hearty food traditional to this celebration, and a taste for the lively music of old Saxony, Prussia, Bavaria and Vienna. (*The Valkyries have promised not to get in the way of anyone who wants to join the waltzes, polkas and marches on the program, so dancing sneakers might be handy too.*) Bring along as many friends as you can, for the PIP's farewell to summer and welcome to the glorious days of autumn. A good time will be had by all - we promise!

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.

Where's Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay would love to meet with you! While you can make an appointment with him anytime, this week you can just “drop in” on him either in the office on Wednesday from 10:00-11:00am or at Brew Ha Ha in the Colony Plaza on Monday from 8:00-9:00am.

Worship Matters

Why did the Announcements move? Recently I was asked why we moved the Announcements to just before the Blessing when I arrived. There are a number of reasons (as usual) for this. There are several places in the worship service where it is appropriate to make the Announcements. The first is at the beginning, before we begin worship. Another good place is after the Peace and just before the Offering is collected. A third option is where we have them now just before the Blessing. While each have their good reasons, theologies, and practical sides, making the Announcements just before the Blessing in the SENDING section of the service reminds us that we are not just leaving church after about an hour of sitting in this room together. We are being Sent by the Spirit in mission. What we do in worship is what strengthens us for service. Our whole lives should begin and end in worship, everything we do flows from worship. So when we make Announcements just before the Blessing, we are reminded that we are Sent out into the world with mission and ministry to do...and some of the ways we fulfill that mission and ministry are the many things we list in the Announcements.

Christian Education

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on All Saints' Sunday, November 3, during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in the church office by Monday, October 21 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

Sunday School for children in grades Pre-Kdg.-5th will gather next Sunday, October 13 from 9:30-10:15am.

Second Sunday Salons, a time to visit and discuss various topics will begin Sunday, October 13 from 9:15-10:30am. Please join us in the parlor for conversation and refreshments.

Brown Bag Bible will gather each Wednesday in the parlor at 12:00 noon for Bible Study and discussion. You are invited to bring lunch for yourself. Our first topic; *How Did THAT Get in My Bible?!* **We will not meet on October 16** so many can enjoy the OWLS outing to Pine Junction Restaurant.

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, will meet the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be Monday, November 11, as we begin the book *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal*.

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

Opportunities for Fellowship

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month; October 8 and 22 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will be taking a drive to Pine Junction Restaurant, 9757 Bailey Hill Rd, Sherman, NY on Wednesday, October 16. Enjoy the beautiful autumn scenery and a delicious lunch. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30am. If you would like to carpool, please meet at Luther Memorial at 10:15am. Contact Jan MacInnes by Friday, October 11.

Trunk-or-Treat with family and friends on Sunday, October 20. Find a great costume, decorate your car, load it up with some treats and let the fun begin. Set-up in the church parking lot will begin at 12:00 noon. Treating will be held from 12:30-2:00pm. Music by DJ Bill Mason, prizes, a costume parade will make this a great afternoon. Please see Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or contact the church office to sign up to decorate your car.

Outreach

Help tie some knots in our quilts following services on Sunday, October 13. Our quilters have been busy over the last few months designing quilts for those in need. All that's needed to finish them is some hands to help tie knots. These quilts are very meaningful to those that receive them. Children and adults can all take part in this easy outreach. Quilts will be on the tables on the fifth floor; yarn is provided.

Bethany Outreach Center News

After 20+ wonderful years at the former Bethany Lutheran Church located at 10th and German, the organization founded by its members is now moving to a new location to better serve its community.

HISTORY: The Bethany Lutheran church food pantry was established in 2004 to serve people that kept coming to the door in need of food. In 2005, the Bethany Lutheran church combined with Luther Memorial church, and the building was owned by Luther Memorial as we continued to serve local people who needed food pantry and other outreach programs, such as the MOMS group. Between 2005 and 2010, additional services such as a clothes closet, computer classes, and other educational programming were offered. In 2010 Bethany Outreach Center became an independent non-profit organization with Diane Giannelli as its Executive Director, and she and her organization of volunteers from Luther Memorial and the local community continued the work she had begun ever since 2004. In 2011 the building was sold to the Neighborhood Partnership, and so Bethany Outreach has leased space from them to continue its services. During the years of the Pandemic, Bethany Outreach had to cease its educational services and concentrated on the life essentials services of Food Pantry and Clothes Closet that it could provide outdoors. Also, during that time conditions in the facility eroded to where recently we could not use them for educational services again. So, we searched for a new location where we could provide both educational services and our existing Food Pantry and Clothes Closet services . . . and now. . .

ANNOUNCEMENT: We are excited to announce that we are moving the Bethany Outreach Center's organization to the Luther Memorial Campus and our new address will be 204 West 11th Street Suite A. We are very happy that we will now have the opportunity of offering additional needed services to our deserving families.

THANK YOU: The Bethany Outreach Center owes a large debt of gratitude to all of the members who make up the Luther Memorial congregation, not only those from the original congregation, but also those who migrated from other churches and have fully supported the outreach of the Bethany Outreach Center over these past 20 years. Thank you so much!

Bethany BINGO Fundraiser will be held at Polish Falcons, on October 13. Join us for an afternoon of fun at this event to benefit the Bethany Outreach Center. **Doors will open at 12:00 noon** and the **games begin at 1:00pm**. Admission is \$25 per person. Take part in the ALL-CASH BINGO Games, and optional basket raffle, tips, instants, and 50/50 Tickets. For more information contact Mabel Howard at 814-456-6254. We encourage you to RSVP so you can reserve a table for your family and friends. Note: The kitchen will be open as well. Polish Falcons Club is located at 431 E. 3rd St. Hope to see you there!

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	Rose-Marie Rose	Cathy Beck & Jim
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	Virginia Long
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family	Pat Gilbert	Dorothy Youngman	Lois Smith
Walt Gaber			
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	Janice Carpenter	Jonah Allgeier
Jean Coburn	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters
Connie Haibach & family	Kevin D	Bernadette Mulder	Steve Sensor
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry
Andy Zimmerman	Norma Lynch	Dale Dannhaus	Cheryl Atkinson
Fred Kern	Janine Frank	Donna Peck	Joann Guilianelli
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins		

Readings and Commemorations This Week

October 6 -- William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536 – Psalm 1; James 1:21-25; John 12:44-50 -- *Tyndale was ordained a priest in England and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.*

October 7 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, 1787 – Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 84; I Peter 5:1-4; John 21:15-17 -- *Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.*

October 8 – Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 24:1-5; I Corinthians 7:10-16

October 9 – Psalm 112; Jeremiah 3:6-14; Matthew 5:27-36

October 10 – Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Hebrews 3:7-19

October 11 – Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; Hebrews 4:1-11

October 12 – Psalm 90:12-17; Amos 3:13-4:5; Matthew 15:1-9

CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7		LMA School Picture Day
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8	10:00am 6:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group Church Council
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9	12:00pm	Brown Bag Bible
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10	12:30pm 1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	LMA Vehicle Safety Training Grief Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal LMA Texas Roadhouse/Dine & Donate
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11		LMA Closed
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12		

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Second Sunday Salons will gather at 9:15am in the parlor.

Sunday School for children in Pre-Kdg.-5th grade will gather at 9:30am.

Adult Forum will meet at 9:15am in the library.

For all ages; quilt knot tying at 9:15 and 11:30am.

Confirmation class will meet at 11:30am in the conference room.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Ann Flick
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Jean McMillin
	10:30am	<i>(I needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	Nick Lang
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Pat Young
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	Sue Cappelletty,