

*Welcome to*

**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



**LUTHER**  
**MEMORIAL ACADEMY**

**29 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**LMA Sunday**

**10:30 am**

*Luther Memorial Academy opened its doors in September, 1976, with one Kindergarten class. A grade was added each year and the first eighth grade graduation took place in 1985. We have developed an outstanding reputation in Erie for academic excellence, strong values, and community spirit. Our goals are to provide, in a Christian atmosphere, a high-quality education; to develop the child's full potential; to encourage special interests and abilities; and to have an atmosphere of courtesy and respect which leads to healthy discipline.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

## LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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## WELCOME!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!  
TOGETHER WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

+ Luther Memorial Church and Academy is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people, people of the Six Nations Treaty, and we give thanks for their presence here and throughout 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.

+ 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.

+ 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).



**29 SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**LMA SUNDAY**  
**Holy Communion • 10:30**

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

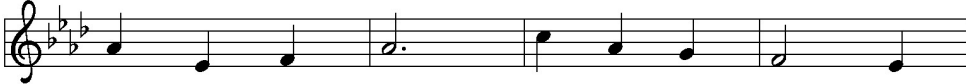
**PRELUDE – “Concerto in A Minor, M.1”**

J. S. Bach, BWV 593


**WELCOME**

*Please stand as you are able and face the procession as our LMA students lead us into worship.*


## Earth and All Stars!




*All* 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
*All* 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
*All* 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
*Students* 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
*All* 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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 Sing to the Lord a new song!




Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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*Refrain*



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987  
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## 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.

## LUTHER MEMORIAL PRAYER

- P** God, be above me to protect me.  
God, be in front of me to guide me.  
God, be beside me to befriend me.  
God, be behind me to encourage me.  
God, be in my head and in my learning.  
God, be in my hands and in my helping.  
God, be in my feet and in my walking.  
God, be in my heart and in my loving.

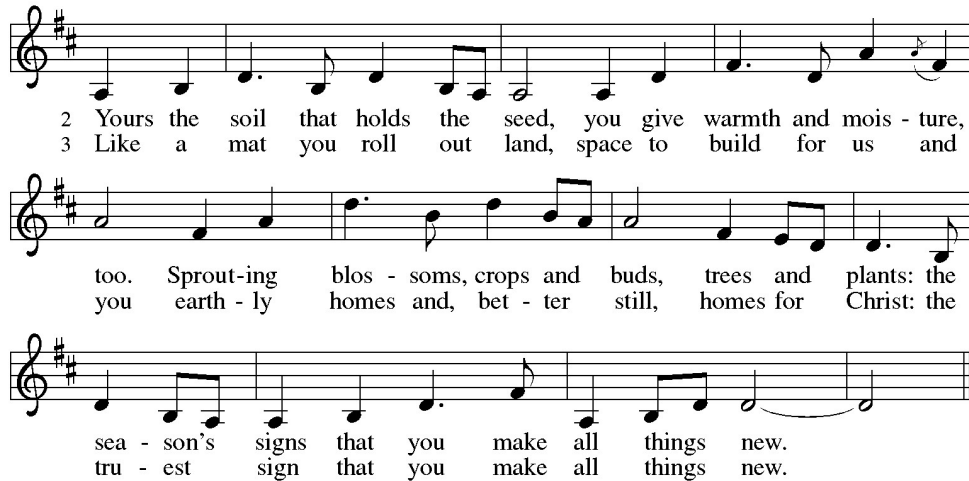
**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## SONG OF PRAISE – “Lord, Your Hands Have Formed”

WOV 727

*Lord, your hands have formed this world,  
ev'ry part is shaped by you—  
water tumbling over rocks, air, and sunlight:  
each day's signs that you make all things new.*



2 Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and mois - ture,  
3 Like a mat you roll out land, space to build for us and  
too. Sprout-ing blos - soms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the  
you earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for Christ: the  
sea - son's signs that you make all things new.  
tru - est sign that you make all things new.

Text: Ramon and Sario Oliano; para. James Minchin, b. 1942; tr. Delbert Rice  
Music: GAYOM NI HIGAMI, Ikalahan (Philippines) traditional  
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**WORD** – “*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.*”

## FIRST READING: Joel 2:28-29

You all shall know that I am in the midst of the people, and that I, the HOLY ONE OF SINAI, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall not be put to shame ever again. And it shall be after that, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; and your daughters and your sons shall prophesy, your elders shall dream dreams, and your youths shall see visions. Even on the enslaved women and men, in those days, will I pour out my Spirit.

**L** Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 (tune: AZMON)

Lord, you have searched me out and known  
Whatever you have wrought:  
My rising up and sitting down,  
You know my every thought.

You trace my journeys and my rests  
And everything I do;  
And no word forms upon my lips  
Which is not known to you.

You formed me, Lord, within the womb  
When I began to grow;  
I marvel at your handiwork:  
How wonderful I know.

My frame was not concealed from you  
Before I came to birth,  
When I was woven secretly  
And fashioned in the earth.

You saw me there, and in your book  
You wrote down all my days;  
How deep I find your thoughts, O God;  
How vast beyond all praise.

To try to count them all would be  
Like counting grains of sand;  
To count them all my years should be  
As long as yours in span.

## SECOND READING: I Timothy 4:11-15

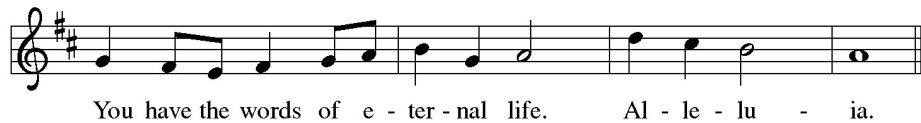
Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don't let anyone put you down because you're young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. Stay at your post reading Scripture, giving counsel, teaching. And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed—keep that dusted off and in use. Cultivate these things. Immerse yourself in them. The people will all see you mature right before their eyes! Keep a firm grasp on both your character and your teaching. Don't be diverted. Just keep at it. Both you and those who hear you will experience salvation.

**L** Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-16

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: “Don’t push these children away. Don’t ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God’s kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you’ll never get in.” Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## HOMILY

Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 543

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love’s bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

## A STATEMENT OF FAITH

- L** God created us to be like  
Mary Magdalene and Joseph the Dreamer...
- C** Created to be **OPTIMISTIC!** (*Alex Teets*)
- L** ...like Ruth and Moses...
- C** Created to be **RESPECTFUL!** (*Kamdyn Kessler*)
- L** ...like Hannah and Paul...
- C** Created to be **THANKFUL!** (*Grace Lee*)
- L** ...like Abraham and Martha of Bethany...
- C** Created to be **GENEROUS!** (*Manny Alaniz*)
- L** ...like Mary and Joseph of Nazareth...
- C** Created to be **CREATIVE!** (*Luna Sands*)
- L** ...like Dorcas and Stephen...
- C** Created to be **KIND!** (*Ren Wieczorek*)
- L** ...like Mary of Bethany and Nicodemus...
- C** Created to be **CURIOUS!** (*Naomi King*)
- L** ...like Deborah and Thomas...
- C** Created to be **HONEST!** (*Elijah Osmak*)
- L** ...like Esther and the Three Young Believers...
- C** Created to be **BRAVE!** (*C. J. Bryant*)
- L** God created all these examples for us,  
but God also created each of us different.
- C** Created to be **UNIQUE!**  
Created to be **YOU AND ME!** (*Abby Allen*)

## THE INSTALLATION OF LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY TEACHERS AND STAFF THE OPENING OF THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

- L** O God, everything you do is wonderful, and I know it well.
- C** Teach us your ways, O God.
- L** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.
- C** Teach us your ways, O God.
- L** Jesus said, Let the children come to me.
- C** Teach us your ways, O God.

## THE CHARGE

- P** Teachers, you are entrusted with great responsibility and, we hope, with great joy in caring for and teaching our children. But you do not do it alone. I invite you to turn and face the assembly.
- P** LMA Students, I invite you to stand. Will you try your hardest this year to learn and grow, to be kind and honest, helpful and happy?
- R** *We will.*

**P** LMA Parents, I invite you to stand. Will you support our teachers, at home with your children as they learn and grow and here at LMA with events and activities?

**R** *We will.*

**P** Luther Memorial members, I invite you to stand. Will you continue to pray for and encourage our entire LMA community as they together learn and play, grow and flourish in the coming year?

**C** **We will.**

**P** Teachers, you may turn around. Will you give wholly of yourselves to your charge: to foster the growth of our children in body, mind, and spirit? Will you play with and cheer them on? Will you take time for your own growth and renewal?

**R** *We will.*

**P** May almighty God who has given you the will to do these things, bless you with the ability to fulfill them.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, source of all goodness: we give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless Luther Memorial Academy, that we may be a place of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that our teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, your Wisdom Incarnate.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** We begin this academic year in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

**L** Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**L** God, bless your Church that bishops, pastors, and deacons lead your people faithfully and that all of us may proclaim the Good News in our daily lives. Lord, in your mercy, (*Liam Wickles*)

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God, bless people who are sick or suffering in any way, especially those whose names and needs we lift up now: \_\_\_\_. Lord, in your mercy, (*Simone Boyd*)

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God, bless Luther Memorial Academy, especially our teachers and staff: Michelle, Amanda, Erin, Katie, Beth, Kevin, Karen, Rebecca, Ciara, Amy, Caryn, A.J., Heidi, Stephanie, Jody, and Ellen. Guide our School Board, John, Shannon, Greg, Miriam, Heather, Jason, Les, Maria, MJ, and Preeya, as they make important decisions. Inspire our PTL Board, Leah, Mindy, Paula, and Natalie as they plan fun and fellowship. Journey with our alumni wherever they may be. May the year ahead be full of growth, and challenge, and fun. Lord, in your mercy, (*Lyric Dabrowski*)

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God, we pray for all these things and everything else you know we need and we thank you for hearing, through Jesus. (*Imani Moore*)

**C** **Amen.**



## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.*

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

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

*Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks and may be designated by checking the appropriate box.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING – “The Ash Grove”

arr. A. K. Organ

*Susan Forsythe, Violin*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY

### God of the Fertile Fields

ACS 1063

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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER *(Mitchell Boyd)*

℣ Thank you, God, for everything you have given us. We give back just a little of what we have received from you. Use these gifts and us to bless the world around us. In Jesus' name we pray.

☩ Amen.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

℣ 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 right that we give you thanks, God. We join with all of your creation: sun and moon and stars; birds and plants and our pets; with our parents and grandparents and best friends and we say thank you.

℣ We thank you for all the ways you have shown your love to us: for our parents and those who take care of us, for our teachers and pastors and people who teach us, for our coaches and mentors who help us to grow up. We also thank you for the people in the Bible stories we tell.

℣ We especially thank you for Jesus. He showed us your love and he also taught us how to love one another like you love us. One way he showed us your love was having a meal with his friends. At that meal, he took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to his friends and said: Take this, my friends, and eat it. This is my body and it's given for you. Do this when you remember me. He also took a cup and gave it to his friends to share and said, take this, friends, and drink some of it. This cup is a new promise from God for you to let you know that your sins are forgiven. Whenever you share this drink, remember me.

℣ And still today when we share bread and a cup, we remember not just that one time Jesus shared this meal, but that Jesus is here with us now and everywhere. And for that we are so thankful.

℣ Our thanks we give to you, O God, along with our honor and respect and love and when we give that to you we join our voices and our hearts with all those who have come before us and with all your angels and say:

☩ Thank you, Amen.

## 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

℣ Whenever we share this bread and cup, Jesus is here. Come to the table!

℣ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

## 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 FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 732

### Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **TABLE BLESSING**

☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health,  
and bring you to everlasting life.

☑ **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRESENTATION OF ELEA AWARD**

*Cory Newman  
Executive Director  
Evangelical Lutheran Education Association*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **BLESSING**

☐ God be above you,  
in front of, beside, and behind you;  
God be in your head,  
in your hands, your feet, and your heart;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
who is Source, + Wisdom, and Light  
be upon you now and always.

☑ **Amen.**

### **LMA SCHOOL SONG** *(words by Cheryl Lucht, former LMA teacher)*

*Our LMA Students will sing the School Song and immediately the congregation will continue singing  
Hymn 547 (on next page) as our students recess to the Chapel where parents may pick them up.*

*Our voices we are raising  
in songs ever praising  
to Luther Memorial our tribute we give.  
Your truth and your honor  
we wear as a banner  
learning to serve well as long as we live.  
The ideals will be forever.  
Your gifts will sustain us ever.  
We'll cherish each blessing  
and mem'ry so dear.  
God's blessing is o'er us,  
he e'er watches o'er us,  
as forward we travel  
the paths far and near.*

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,  
the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—  
The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed  
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,  
the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.  
The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.  
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing  
to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.  
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE (*Maddie Bartlett*)

- Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
 Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE – “Prelude in A Minor”

G. Merkel

— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETERS – Paula & Tyler Noble, Noel Torres, Jr., Kim Tromans & Mark Towell

CRUCIFER – Gia Fracassi

BANNER BEARER – Justin Stovall

ACOLYTES – Tessa & Jack Bartlett

FIRST READING – Maddie Wertz

SECOND READING – Lucia Goellner

GOSPEL – Braxton Yoder

WINE BEARER – Mikala Richter

BREAD BEARER – Ava Vidakovic

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Linda Graffius, Stan Rose

USHERS – Nylah James, Lincoln McCall, Autumn Parraway, Henry Whiteman

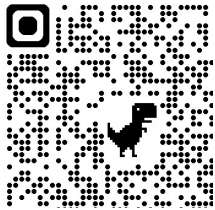
ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels



**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the teachers, staff and students of Luther Memorial Academy by Mrs. Susan Belott and Mrs. Pat Young, former administrator and secretary of LMA.

**Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of C. Richard Overberg and Dorothy Overberg by their family.

Today's Events



**Crop Walk** will take place this afternoon at Presque Isle. Luther Memorial (both Church and Academy) 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, there's still time to make a donation to someone who is walking. Registration begins at 1:00pm with the Walk beginning at 2:00pm.

**Confirmation students** will be walking at the CROP Walk this afternoon. Classes will continue to meet each Sunday through October 20.

Adult Faith Formation

**Adult Forum is coming!** Beginning Sunday, 6 October, Adult Forum will gather in the Library between the services (about 9:15 until about 10:15). Our first session will be "Approaching the Bible." This will be a Bible Study about studying the Bible!

Christian Education

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

**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.

**Book Group**, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, meets the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be Monday, November 11 when we will begin the book *Lamb*.

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

**B.A.D. (Bible After Dark)** gathers at the Brewerrie 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 take a little trip to Pine Junction, 9757 Bailey Hill Rd, Sherman, NY, on Wednesday, October 16. Join us for a beautiful autumn drive and delicious lunch at 11:30am. Reservations are appreciated to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, October 11.

**Family scavenger hunt** will be held Sunday, October 6 from 1:00-5:00pm. Have a super fun afternoon solving clues and arriving at your surprise destination. Contact the church office or see Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski to sign up.

**Join us for Oktoberfest** on Sunday, October 6 at 11:30am 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. Please RSVP to the church office by today, Sunday, September 29.

**Calling All Trunks!** Decorate your car trunk, fill it with treats and join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk-or-Treat in our parking lot on Sunday, October 20. Car set up will be from 12:00-12:30pm. Treating is held from 12:30-2:00pm. Halloween fun with music by DJ Mason, dancing, costume parade and more. Great treats come out of the trunk of your car! Reserve your space today by contacting the church office, Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski.

## **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. Stop by the tables in the parlor hall following services and tie a few knots.

## **Julia Hospice House**

**All are invited** to enjoy a fun evening out at Julia's Cash Bash to support building Julia House, Erie's first hospice house and palliative care clinic. Join us Saturday, October 5 from 5:00-9:00pm at St. Francis Ushers Club, 9085 Main Street, McKean. Your \$25 ticket includes a full dinner, dessert, coffee, soda and chances to win a prize of \$1,000, \$500, or \$100. Live Music with Jack Stevenson, a silent auction, basket raffle and cash games will add to all the fun. See Linda Graffius, Cathy Beck or Cheryl Brown for tickets.

## **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.



## Bethany Outreach Center is Moving to a New Location

**After 20+ wonderful years** at the former Bethany Lutheran Church located at 10<sup>th</sup> 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!*

### — 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	Pat Gilbert	Dorothy Youngman	

##### 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	Susan Brooks	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	Janice Carpenter	Fred Kern
Cheryl Atkinson	Janine Frank		

##### Grief:

Randy Hessinger family

##### Our Military Service Men & Women:

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

## WEEKLY READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

**September 29 – ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS** -- Genesis 28:10-17; Revelation 12:7-12; John 1:47-51; 103:19-22 -- *Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.*

**September 30 – Jerome, Translator, Teacher, 420** -- Colossians 3:1–11; Psalm 19:7–14; Luke 24:44–48 -- *Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.*

**October 1** – Psalm 5; Zechariah 8:18-23; I John 2:18-25

**October 2** – Psalm 5; Zechariah 10:1-12; Matthew 18:6-9

**October 3** – Psalm 8; Genesis 20:1-18; Galatians 3:23-29

**October 4 – Francesco d'Assisi, renewer of the church, 1128** – Psalm 148:7-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Matthew 11:25-30 - *Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.*

**October 5** – Psalm 8; Genesis 23:1-20; Luke 16:14-18

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</b>	11:30am	Pizza with the Pastor & Principal Newsletter Mailing
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1</b>	12:00pm	W/ELCA & Deborah Circle General Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2</b>	12:00pm 6:30pm	Brown Bag Bible Bible After Dark
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3</b>	1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Grief Support Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5</b>	10:00am	Quilt Group

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

**Adult Forum** will be held in the library at 9:15am.

**Confirmation Class** for youth in grade 10 will begin at 11:30am.

**Oktoberfest** will be celebrated at 11:30am.

**Family Scavenger Hunt** begins at 1:00pm.

**Presque Isle ProMusica Concert** will begin at 4:00pm in our outdoor greenspace. If raining, the concert will be held in the main church.

<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Barb Dennison
Communion Assistant <i>(1 needed)</i>	10:30am	
Lector <i>(1 needed)</i>	10:30am	Mike Hedlund
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	<i>(1 needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	Sue Cappelletty, Eric Hedlund



**LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

Welcome to the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Luther Memorial Academy Sunday. We gather as a school family to worship and celebrate LMA's continued educational mission to the Erie community.

Additional monies for school equipment, supplies, and special projects are available through the Thrivent Choice program. The Thrivent Choice program enables every member of Thrivent to designate where funds from their Thrivent membership are to be dispersed ~ Luther Memorial Church and Luther Memorial Academy are designated recipients of Thrivent Choice Dollars. Please donate funds to LMA by looking into the financial services provided by Thrivent (life insurance, annuities, Medicare supplements, etc.). Visit their website at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or we welcome you to speak with our Thrivent representative, Terry Hokaj at 878-5727. Terry is also a member of Luther Memorial Church.

**LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY STAFF**

**FACULTY**

MRS. ERIN VANDYKE, *Kindergarten*  
MRS. KATIE ROMBA, *First Grade*  
MRS. BETH KELLER, *Second Grade*  
DR. KEVIN ZIROLI, *Third Grade*  
MRS. KAREN SOCASH, *Fourth Grade*  
MRS. REBECCA MCCORMICK, *Fifth Grade*  
MS. CIARA ADAMS, *Sixth Grade*  
MISS AMY GILEWICZ, *Seventh Grade*  
MS. CARYN CHLUDZINSKI, *Eighth Grade*  
MRS. A.J. NOYES, *Specials*

**LIBRARY**

MRS. KIM EVANS, *Librarian*  
MS. MEXIE SANDS, *Library Aide*  
MRS. JULIE BALDWIN, *Library Aide*  
MRS. GRETCHEN WOLFORD, *Library Aide*

**ADMINISTRATION**

MRS. MICHELLE THOM, *Principal*  
MRS. AMANDA FRIED, *Office Manager*  
THE REV. JAY C. MITCHELL, *Pastor*

**LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD**

**ELECTED**

MR. JOHN BARTLETT, ESQ., *PRESIDENT*  
MRS. MARIA GOELLNER, ESQ., *VICE-PRESIDENT*  
MRS. HEATHER BARTLETT  
MR. JASON KING  
MRS. SHANNON MCADOO  
MRS. PREEYA MONTROY, *SECRETARY*

**EX-OFFICIO**

THE REV. JAY C. MITCHELL, *Pastor*  
MR. LES FOBES, *Congregation President*  
MR. GREG KERN, CPA, *Parish Treasurer, TREASURER*

**CONSULTIVE**

MRS. MICHELLE THOM, *Principal*  
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**EMERITA**

MRS. M.J. HOWELL