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The Second Annual Erie-Wide
Celebration of
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
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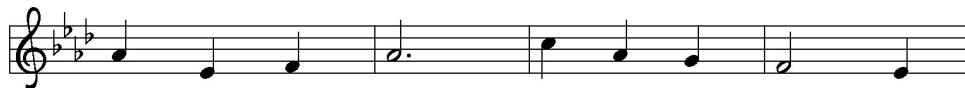
PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 731

Earth and All Stars!



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



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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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!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY/The Luther Memorial Academy Prayer

A Let us pray:

- C** (hands over head)
- (hands in front)
- (hands to side)
- (hands behind)
- (point to head)
- (show hands)
- (take steps)
- (point to heart)

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 learning.
God be in my hands and in my helping.
God be in my feet and in the walking.
God be in my heart and in my loving.
Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: I Samuel 16:1-13

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

MESSAGE

Pastor Kristen

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 595

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

A STATEMENT OF FAITH

- God created us to be like
Mary Magdalene and Joseph the Dreamer...
- Created to be OPTIMISTIC!
- ...like Ruth and Moses...
- Created to be RESPECTFUL!
- ...like Hannah and Paul...
- Created to be THANKFUL!
- ...like Abraham and Martha of Bethany...
- Created to be GENEROUS!
- ...like Mary and Joseph of Nazareth...
- Created to be CREATIVE!
- ...like Dorcas and Stephen...
- Created to be KIND!
- ...like Mary of Bethany and Nicodemus...
- Created to be CURIOUS!
- ...like Deborah and Thomas...
- Created to be HONEST!
- ...like Esther and the Three Young Believers...
- Created to be BRAVE!
- God created all these examples for us,
but God also created each of us different.
- Created to be UNIQUE!
Created to be YOU AND ME!

THE PRAYERS

- Let us pray saying Thank you, God, for our schools:
- God our Creator, thank you for everything that you have made. For sunshine and rain,
for plants and animals, and for the chance to learn all about them. Let us pray saying:
- Thank you, God, for our schools.
- God our Teacher, we pray for our schools. Make them places where we can have fun,
be safe, grow, and learn all about you and the world you made. Let us pray saying:
- Thank you, God, for our schools.
- God our Father, we pray for our families and friends. Keep them healthy, keep them
learning and growing with us, and support them as they help us to learn and grow. Let
us pray saying:
- Thank you, God, for our schools.
- For our schools and your love, we thank you, God. In Jesus' name.
- Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is 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.

P We thank you for all that you have created us to be! We are created in your image as a beloved part of your world. You make us every day and in so many ways to be optimistic, respectful, thankful, generous, creative, kind, curious, honest, brave people. When we try our best to be all these things the whole world sees how wonderful you are!

P We especially thank you for Jesus. He was created to be just like us! 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.

P 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.

P 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:

C Thank you, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

☐ And now, 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!

☑ Amen.

You may be seated.

COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.
**If you receive Communion in your home congregation,
you are welcome to receive Communion here.***

Please come forward by the center aisle.

Take a small empty cup from the tray at the front of the aisle.

White grape juice is available in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Receive the bread in your open palm and then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who have need. Please let the pastor know.

All are invited to participate in the Meal this morning.

*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 DISTRIBUTION

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

Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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BLESSING

P ...remain with you always.

C Amen.

LMA SCHOOL SONG

HYMN

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

A Go in peace. You are created to be unique!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

-- SERVING TODAY --

PREACHER – PASTOR KRISTEN

PRESIDING MINISTER – PASTOR JAY

MUSICIAN – CANTOR BRYAN

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – CATHIE DUGAN



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our friends from Faith Lutheran Preschool who are joining us to celebrate Lutheran Education in Erie! Check them out online:
<https://faithlutheranerie.com/home/preschool/>

We also welcome our friends from St. Paul's Child Development Center and St. Paul's Pre-School who are also helping us celebrate Lutheran Schools Week! You can find them online:
<https://www.stpaulserie.org/child-development-center> and
<https://www.stpaulserie.org/pre-school>

LMA Students (K-5) will return to their classrooms immediately following worship for a treat from the congregation. All students must return to their classrooms from where they will be dismissed.

All guests and members (and LMA Middle School) are welcome to a reception in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay at least long enough to vote on the "SOUPPPPPER" Ladle Soup Cook-Off. Pastor Jay, Mrs. Thom (Principal), Mrs. King (Pres. PTL), Mr. Fobes (Pres. Council), and Mr. Bartlett (Pres. School Board) are going head-to-head for this Second Annual competition!

To get to the Fellowship Hall, follow our middle schoolers or head out either door on the sides of the altar and to the stairwell near the elevator. You may use the stairs or the elevator to go down to the 1st floor.

LMA's celebration of Lutheran Schools Week continues!

+Tuesday: Celebrate Friendship

-Writing Competition Entries due:

“What Makes Luther Memorial Academy Unique?”

-Middle School Bake Sale at Student Lunches

+Wednesday: Celebrate Friendship

-Writing Competition Winners Announced

- Middle School Bake Sale during Lenten Luncheon

+Thursday: Dress to Impress

-8th Grade: Annual Etiquette Luncheon

You are invited to join in the celebration! Palm Sunday worship at 10:30am with dancers and procession and Easter Sunday worship at 10:30am with festive music and children's sermon. All ages are welcome!