

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



27 OCTOBER 2024
Reformation Sunday
10:30 am

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!

+ 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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REFORMATION SUNDAY

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – “Praeludium in d”

J. Pachelbel

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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.

GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we




wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill us with all truth and peace. Where we are corrupt, purify us; where we are in error, direct us; where in anything we are amiss, reform us; where we are right, strengthen us; where we are in need, provide for us; where we are divided, reunite us; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☑ Amen.

Please be seated.

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Ella Graffius)

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was married to them, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

God Alone Be Praised

1. O - ceans rise, the coast - land trem - bles; moun - tains melt and
2. Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek - ing re - fuge,
3. Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and

dry earth crum - bles. All the world with long - ing groans.
ex - iles wan - der. Walls and wea - pons rise from fear.
grief have shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised.

Love a - bides; this gra - cious prom - ise is our help our
Through this wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and
Peace, be still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of

hope and sol - ace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
bless us ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
joy and won - der. God and God a lone be praised.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 (Marshall Boyd)

¹⁹Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For no human will be justified before God by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. This was to demonstrate God's righteousness, because in divine forbearance God had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to demonstrate at the present time God's own righteousness, so that God is righteous and that God justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 (Ellie Wertz)

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Please be seated. Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers. They may be joined by others from the congregation.

- P** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.
- L** I present Marshall James Kenneth Boyd, Ella Rose Graffius, Blake Austin O'Brien and Eleanor Grace Wertz who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R *I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R *I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R *I renounce them.*

Please stand. The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the congregation.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

☒ *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

The minister addresses the congregation.

☐ People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

☑ **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

CONFIRMATION

☐ Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Each confirmand kneels. As the presiding minister lays both hands on the hands of each confirmand, you may extend a hand in blessing. The presiding minister prays:

☐ God our creator, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/his serving, give her/him patience in suffering, and bring her/him to everlasting life.

☑ **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

Those making public affirmation stand and face the congregation. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

☒ Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

☑ **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

The congregation offers acclamation with applause.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION *(Blake O'Brien)*

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

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

A brief silence.

☐ Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

☐ Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

☐ Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

☐ Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

A Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for your saints, especially Roberta and William Braendel, Richard Braendel, John Braendel, Robert Braendel, Dave Mumford and John Mumford. United with them in the covenant of baptism, increase our faith in your promised life for all. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

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 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.

ANTHEM – “We Are The Lord's”

R. Martin

*We are the Lord's. His all sufficient merit,
Sealed on the cross to us this grace accords.
We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;
whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
We are the Lord's. Then let us gladly tender our
souls to him in deeds, not empty words.
Let Heart and tongue and life combine to render
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.
We are the Lord's. No darkness brooding o'er us
Can make us tremble while this star affords
A steady light along the path before us;
Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's.
We are the Lord's, no evil can befall us
In that dread hour of the life's fastloos'ning cords;
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.
Death shall be vanquished, for we are the Lord's.*

Please stand as you are able.

God of the Fertile Fields

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
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OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Ella Graffius*)

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

☐ *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
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- ☐ We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, our Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of Truth, for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields, for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in this place, for creatures seen and unseen, for animals both wild and tame, for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe, and for the places we humans call home, for cities and churches and schools, for seminaries and missions and fellowship halls.
- ☐ We praise you for your covenant people, for Moses and Miriam and Aaron, for Jeremiah and the psalmists, and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, for Luther, Melancthon, Muhlenberg, and Fedde, for Katie Luther and Cranach, Bach and Nicolai, Nommensen and Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer and Hammarskjöld, for all servants of the Reformation.
- ☐ We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil, embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,

*who on the night before he died,
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.*

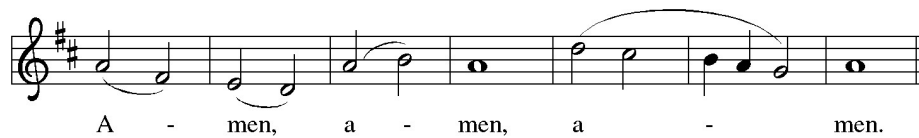
*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

☐ And so we remember your Word, his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection, his presence in this meal around the world, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

☐ We pray, O God, for your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom, your law, your grace, your freedom. Bless this meal and all those who share it; inspire your people for service; continue the reformation of your churches; and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace, with the joy of life in your household.

☐ We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield, today, tomorrow, and forever.

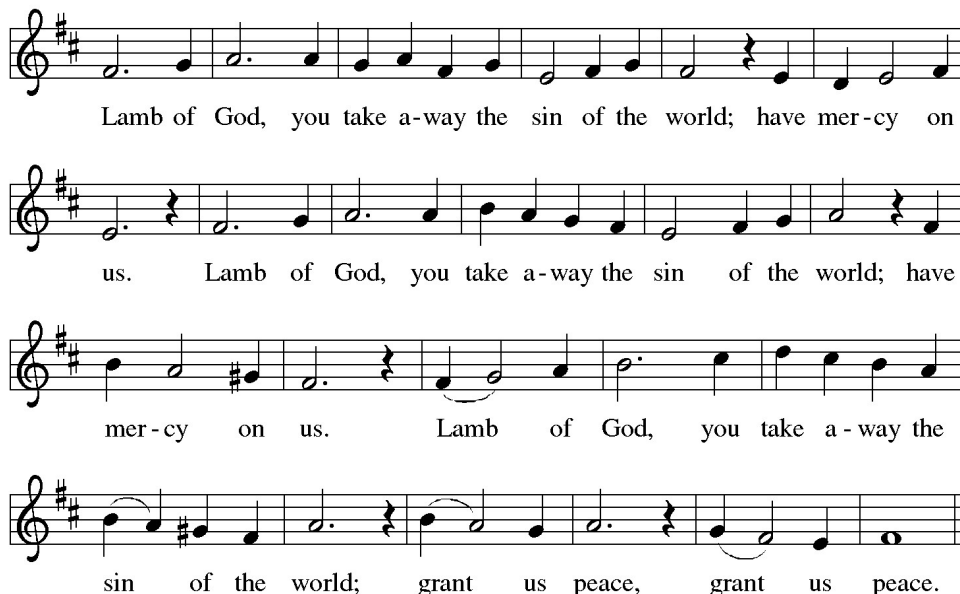


LORD'S PRAYER

☐ 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



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.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

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Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior,
2 Christ says, "Come, that you may ev - er
3 This be - lieve with faith un - shak - en:
4 Christ says, "Come to me, you wea - ry;
5 Nour - ished, go to thank - ful la - bor,



took our sin a - way for - ev - er,
here re - mem - ber God's great fa - vor.
Je - sus' meal is to be ta - ken
all your bur - dens I will car - ry.
bear - ing fruit in love for neigh - bor.



bear - ing bit - ter grief and pain,
Take this bread, my bod - y; dine.
by all those with hearts dis - tressed,
There is noth - ing you can do
Those you serve can taste from you



free - dom from death for us to gain.
My blood I give for you in wine."
by all who yearn for peace and rest.
to earn this mer - cy; take it new."
what won - ders God in love will do.

O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to
 3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite
 Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

TABLE BLESSING

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

☑ 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 (*Ellie Wertz*)

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.

G 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.

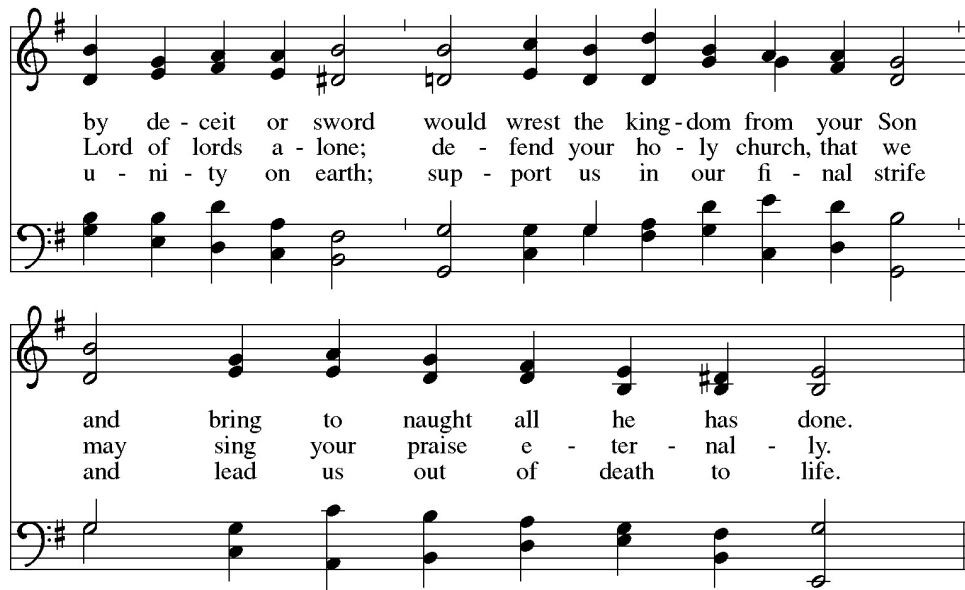
G Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

DISMISSAL *(Marshall Boyd)*

- A** Go in peace. Follow Jesus
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Voluntary”

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTES – Ella Graffius, Ellie Wertz

CRUCIFER – Marshall Boyd

BANNER BEARER – Blake O’Brien

BOOK BEARER – Mitchell Boyd

JUBILATION STREAMER – Cecilia Montroy

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Ann Flick

INSTRUMENTALIST – Bob Banks, saxophone

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

USHERS – Evelyn Graffius, Lincoln McCall, Noah Montroy, Maddie Wertz

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams



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.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents; Roberta and William Braendel; and our brothers, Richard, John and Robert, by the Braendel family.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the Reformation and in loving memory of Pastor J. David Mumford, II and John Mumford, III by Mary Mumford.

Thank you to the **Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble**, under the leadership of C. Noelle Partusch, for providing an extra visual component to our celebration of the Reformation during the 10:30 service this morning.

Please join us in the parlor following worship as we congratulate our confirmands and share in refreshments.

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 Matters

Affirmation of Baptism? What about “Confirmation?” The rites and rituals around “Confirmation” are not a separate act but rather deeply tied to the baptismal covenant. Our youth are not experiencing something new today but rather *affirming* the covenant God has already made with them in baptism...they’re just now old enough to answer for themselves in a way they perhaps were not able to at the time of baptism.

In holy baptism the triune God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the Church. The Christian community at worship celebrates God’s gift of baptism in a number of ways. The sacrament itself normally takes place in the midst of the worshiping assembly as a sign that in baptism we are made one with Christ and with the whole people of God. On behalf of the whole church, we promise support to new siblings, confess the faith with them, and welcome them into the body of Christ. Water connected to the Word—God’s saving promise in Jesus Christ—is at the center of the baptismal celebration. Although a person is baptized only once, the gift of baptism continues throughout a Christian’s life. Instruction in the faith for a life of discipleship is part of the preparation of those who are to be baptized or their parents and sponsors. The ongoing nurture of that faith is part of the congregation’s ministries of formation, education, service, and evangelical witness.

Affirmation of Baptism, then, may be used at many times in the life of a baptized Christian. It is especially appropriate as part of a process of formation in youth and young adulthood (confirmation), at the time of beginning one’s participation in a community of faith, as a sign of renewed participation in the life of the church, or at the time of a significant life passage.

Today, our youth say: Someone loved me enough to have me baptized. I’m glad they did, because now I know why. And they are choosing to continue to live into the promises God made with them, with their families, with all of us in baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper regularly, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through their words and through their deeds, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in the earth. May we, with them, remember our own baptismal covenants with God and answer: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Stewardship

Commitment Sunday is Sunday, November 10! This is a few weeks earlier than usual this year. We want to ensure that everyone has a chance to make their commitment to God’s mission in this place without worries about holiday travel. We will gather at both services on this Sunday to focus ourselves on God’s abundance in our lives and to make our commitments to God’s mission through financial support of Luther Memorial. If you did not receive your Pledge Card yet, please talk with the church office. If you will not be with us in person on Sunday, November 10, you can turn in your Pledge Card to the church office before that as we gather all our commitments and offer them to God on November 10.

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 this week if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

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?!*

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 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.

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.

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; November 12 and 26 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.

Michael DeSanctis, retired Professor of Theology and Structural Design and Architecture from Gannon, will visit with the **OWLS** on Wednesday, November 13 and speak on church design and the theology behind it. He will also share the background regarding his building and repairing of crèches of all sizes. Lunch will be provided for this event. Please join us from 11:00am-1:30pm for this gathering. RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, November 8.

Cash Bingo will be held Sunday, November 17. Doors open at 12:00 noon with Bingo beginning at 12:30pm. All games are cash prizes of \$50. Tickets are \$25 each and available on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week. Proceeds will benefit our LYO.

Craft Fair

Professional crafters will have handmade original items throughout fellowship hall at our craft fair on Saturday, November 2 from 9:00am – 3:00pm and Sunday, November 3 from 12:00 noon – 3:00pm. Admission is only \$2 and will benefit our LYO. Get a head start on your holiday shopping and stop in.

Christmas Preparations

St. Lucia will be presented at Luther Memorial on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00pm in our main church with a reception following in fellowship hall. Rehearsals will be held Sundays; November 10, 17, 24 and December 1. Rehearsals for 3rd grade youth and older will begin on Sunday, November 10 from 12:00-1:00pm. Rehearsals for children 2nd grade and younger will begin on Sunday, November 17 at 11:30am. Parents are asked to attend the first rehearsal to sign in their child. Please contact Lena Donnelly at 814-403-7825 with any questions.

Hamloaf is back for Christmas with new sausage flavors and Gahr's Grillers. Hamloaf is a delicious and easy meal for the holiday season. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, November 17 with pick-up on Sunday, December 8. Keeping it local, Gahr's Hamloaf is located in Franklin, PA. Order forms are available at the hospitality tables and the church and school offices.

Concert

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra will present a concert at Luther Memorial on Sunday, November 3 in our main church. Glen Cortese, conductor and artistic director, along with the Fredonia State University Chamber Choir and The Lake Erie Choral Artists of Erie will present "The All American". Dr. Matt Darling from Gannon University, will offer a Pre-concert lecture on the life and works of Langston Hughes beginning at 2:15pm. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

Items to Note

Daylight Savings Time will end Sunday, November 3. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2.

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.

We Congratulate our youth on their confirmation this morning. They have gathered each Sunday since September 15 to prepare for their confirmation. They have studied The Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Martin Luther, Communion and Baptism

Meet Our Confirmation Students

MARSHALL BOYD

Marshall's favorite Bible verse: John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

*Whoever remains in me and I in him bears much fruit,
for apart from me you can do nothing".*

SCHOOL: Collegiate Academy

FAVORITE ACTIVITY: Cross Country

FAVORITE LUTHER MEMORIAL MEMORY: Having Easter at church every year

FUTURE PLANS: Hoping to attend Toronto Film School in Canada to make films



Marshall Boyd

ELLA GRAFFIUS

Ella's favorite Bible verse: 2 Corinthians 6:10

*"... sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich;
having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

SCHOOL: McDowell High School

FAVORITE ACTIVITY: Spending time with my friends

FAVORITE LUTHER MEMORIAL MEMORY: St. Lucia

FUTURE PLANS: Family physician or emergency room doctor



Ella Graffius

BLAKE O'BRIEN

Blake's favorite Bible verse: Ephesians 2:8-10

*"⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹
not by works, so that no one can boast.*

*¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus
to do good works, which God prepared
in advance for us to do."*

SCHOOL: Erie High School

FAVORITE ACTIVITY: Relaxing

FAVORITE LUTHER MEMORIAL MEMORY: New Orleans National Youth Gathering

FUTURE PLANS: To become a carpenter



Blake O'Brien

ELLIE WERTZ

Ellie's favorite Bible verse: Galatians 8:22-23

*²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.*

SCHOOL: Collegiate Academy

FAVORITE ACTIVITY: Swimming

FAVORITE LUTHER MEMORIAL MEMORY: Going to New Orleans with the youth group

FUTURE PLANS: Going to states for swimming



Ellie Wertz

— PRAYER LIST —

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| PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: | | | |
| Our Members: | | | |
| Lois Fobes | Dave Parsh | Rose-Marie Rose | Ron King |
| Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family | Virginia Long | Pat Gilbert | Dorothy Youngman |
| Lois Smith | Walt Gaber | Rosanne Braine | |
| Friends and Family: | | | |
| Kate Collins & family | Lily | Joann Guilianelli | Jenn Eddy |
| Jessica Bulos Grubb | Sherry Johnson | Donna Peck | Curtis Krick |
| Leigh Ann Fassnacht | Janine Frank | Casey Smith | Fred Kern |
| Jean Coburn | Teddy & Rebecca | Betty M. | Cheryl Atkinson |
| Tom Kraut | Kevin D. | Bernadette Mulder | Steve Sensor |
| Andy Zimmerman | Jim Roberts | Cheryl Runstedler | Dale Dannhaus |
| Norma Lynch | Racheal Thompson | Joey & family | Branden Jones |
| Phil F. | Jenn | | |
| Grief: | | | |
| Simmons family | | | |
| 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 28 – Simon and Jude, Apostles – Jeremiah 26:1-16; Psalm 11; I John 4:1-6; John 12:21-27 -- *We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.*

October 29 – Psalm 119:17-24; II Kings 6:8-23; Acts 9:32-35

October 30 – Psalm 119:17-24; Jeremiah 33:1-11; Matthew 20:29-34

October 31 – Reformation Day – Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 -- *By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.*

November 1 – All Saints' Day – Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44 -- *The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. Traditionally this day was the day to celebrate all those saints who had not otherwise been celebrated on a particular feast day throughout the rest of the year. With a later understanding from the Reformation, this day came to include all the baptized who had died.*

November 2 – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed – Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 116:10-17; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 6:51-58 – *Distinct from All Saints' Day, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed—sometimes known as All Souls' Day—is the day when we remember all of our beloved dead. This is the opportunity to give thanks for their witness in our lives, the ways they shaped us in faith, the example they left for us. All Saints' Day on the previous day is often a celebration of all who have died, but in the history of the Church such a day was for those Saints that were not otherwise celebrated during the year. In our Lutheran understanding that all the baptized as both "saint" and "sinner" we have often shared the celebration between the two days.*

CALENDAR

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| MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 3:30pm | Prayer Group |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 10:00am 6:30pm | Pericope Rehearsal/Western NY Chamber Orchestra |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 12:00pm 6:30pm | Brown Bag Bible Worship & Music |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 10:00am 11:30am 1:00pm | LMA Halloween Parade LMA Dismissal Grief Group |
| FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | | LMA Closed |
| SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 9:00am 10:00am | Craft Show Quilting |

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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

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

Craft show is open in fellowship hall from 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

Western New York Chamber Orchestra Concert at 3:00pm in the main church. **Pre-concert** introduction on the life and works of Langston Hughes begins at 2:15pm.

| SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 | | |
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| ASSISTING IN WORSHIP | | |
| Assisting Minister | 8:15am | Cathie Dugan |
| | 10:30am | Kate Martin |
| Communion Assistant | 10:30am | Linda Graffius |
| Lector | 10:30am | Linda Melaragno |
| Altar Guild | 8:15am | Donna Sedelmyer |
| | 10:30am | Martha & Tom Klomp |
| Greeter | 8:15am | Jean McMillin |
| | 10:30am | <i>(1 needed)</i> |
| Video Streaming | 10:30am | Gina Snider |
| Counters | 10:30am | Rob Cooney, Pat Young |
| Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i> | 10:30am | Sue Cappelletty |