

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



13 June 2021  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost

*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**Holy Communion • Setting II • 8:15 & 10:30**



#### LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

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

**PRELUDE** – "Now We Join in Celebration"

Kevin Sadowski, Raymond Haan

#### **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Lutheran Book of Worship

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

[P] Eternal God our creator,  
 [C] in you we live and move and have our being.  
 Look upon us, your children,  
 the work of your hands.  
 Forgive us all our offenses,  
 and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.  
 By your grace draw us near to you,  
 our refuge and our strength;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[P] Since we are justified by faith,  
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 God's love has been poured into our hearts  
 through the Holy Spirit.  
 In the mercy of almighty God,  
 Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
 and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

[C] Amen.

*This hymn text, whose first phrase is drawn from today's second reading (2 Corinthians 5:7),  
 is the work of a distinguished British scholar and theologian of the 19th century.  
 The composer, about whom little else is known, named the tune after a famous bridge  
 over Dunlap's Creek, located in Brownsville PA, 30 miles south of Pittsburgh.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**WOV 675**

**We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.  
 Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

**GREETING** 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

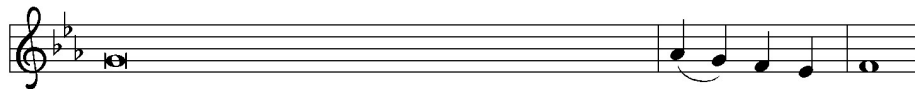
**KYRIE** Luke 17:13



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



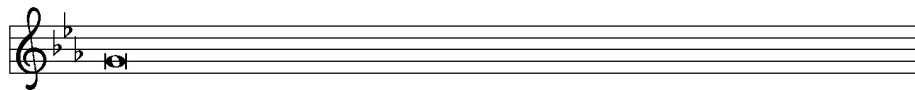
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



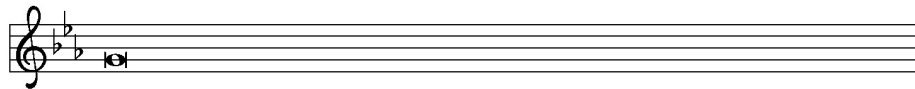
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.





**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY *Ruth 2:4*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray,  
**C** O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON – (10:30 am Service)

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

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15** (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*)

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**  
<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight.  
We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith,  
believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

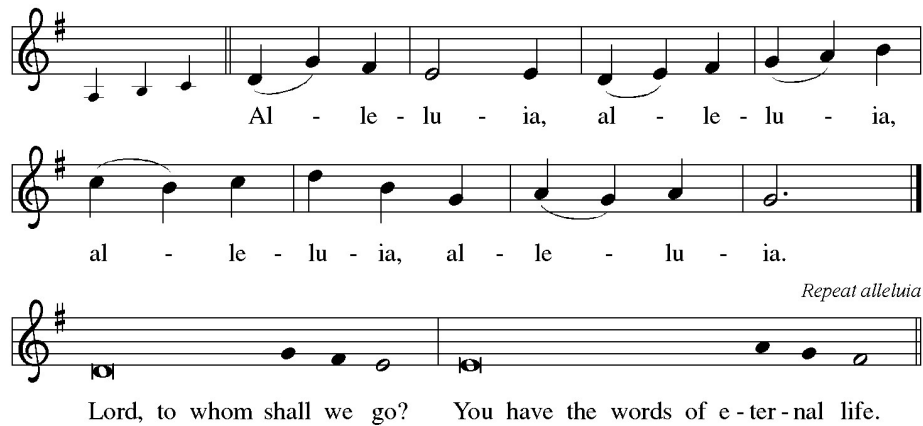
<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand.  
Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

### GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

Pastor Coleman

*Please remain seated.*

The author of this text is among the greatest 20<sup>th</sup> century hymn-writers, appearing in nearly every English-language hymnal. Remarkably, he took up hymn-writing in earnest only after 40 years in the British Methodist ministry. The hymn tune is from the pen of a great English church music composer, a remarkably able tunesmith, a writer on the history of music and musical style, as well as an amateur scientist and a yachtsman.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 580

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
(organ interlude)

2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;  
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000  
Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918  
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APOSTLES' CREED

**☑ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

**A** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians, our cantor, choir and handbell choir. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you, especially Joe Helm and Betty and Martin Halttunen. We look forward to that day when we are reunited with those we have loved in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**A** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.** *Romans 16:16*

*Please stand as you are able*

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

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

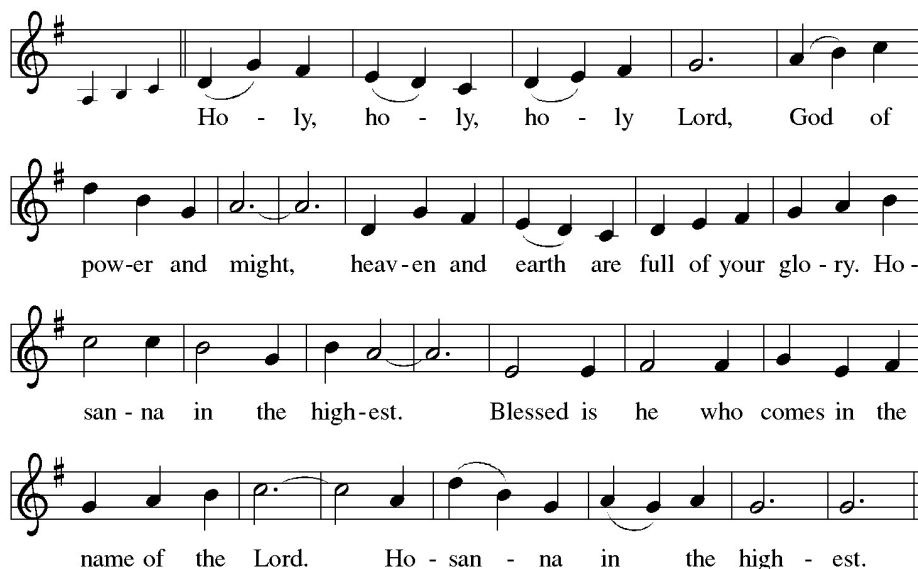
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.

**C** **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

- 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 him thanks and praise.  
**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Holy, living, and loving God,  
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
 and for sending your Son as our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus  
 who, living among us, healed the sick,  
 fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death,  
 gave his life for others.

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

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

Do this for the remembrance of me.



Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death into life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

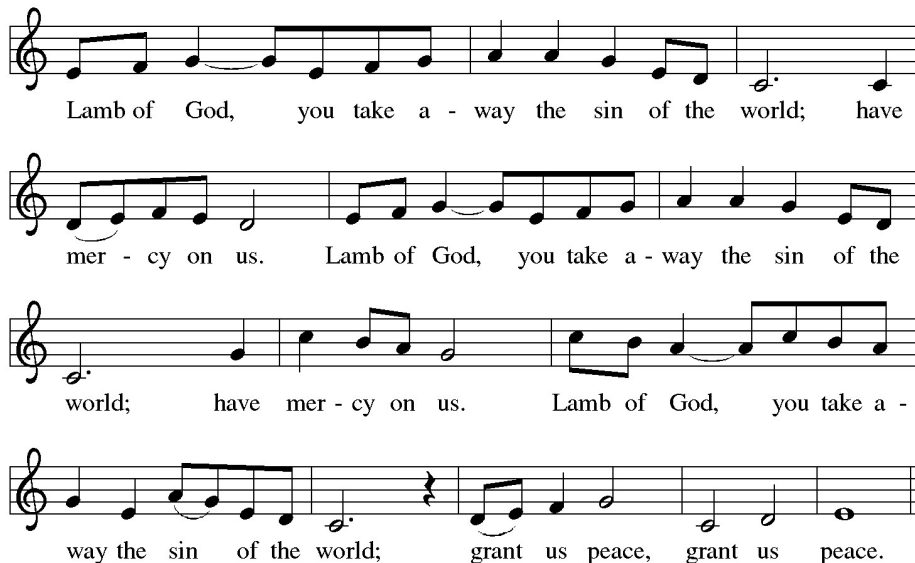
**C Amen.**

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen. *Matthew 6:9***

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

**C Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

## RECEIVING OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – (10:30 am Service)

**First Holy Communion student will now come forward and kneel at the communion rails to receive Holy Communion.**

**A quiet prayer may be offered for the First Holy Communion student Alex as he receives his first Holy Communion:**

*“Gracious God, I give thanks for your children who gather to receive your gifts of bread and wine. Through this communion, let them always be reminded of your love, and remember your command to love and serve one another. Bless and protect them throughout their lives. Amen.”*

*Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle **and maintain appropriate physical distancing.** Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle. Please indicate to the server if you would like to receive the gluten free wafers or grape juice.*

*If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*

## COMMUNION John 1:29

*This hymn text is the work of a widely accomplished Lutheran pastor, archivist, seminary professor, writer and musician. The tune was written by a similarly accomplished Lutheran who served as a cantor and a teacher in Berlin.*

## HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

LBW 203

### Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.





for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990  
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

*Please remain seated.*

## **BLESSING**

- A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

- A** Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**C** Amen.

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

## **SENDING AND BLESSING OF STUDENTS TO CONFIRMATION CAMP AT LUTHERLYN**

### **BLESSING** *Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
‡ be upon you now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*The author of this text was a distinguished preacher and a supporter of the causes of education, missions, and Bible societies. He published two volumes of hymns. The melody of the hymn was published in a significant hymnbook of the Pietists in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Its composer served as assistant and later succeeded his father-in-law, a leading Pietistic preacher.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 663**

**Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word**



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
Music: GOTT SEI DANK. J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

**DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE** *Luke 7:50*

- Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** – "Gavotte"

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

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**— SERVING TODAY —**

*PREACHING* – Pastor William E. Coleman

*ASSISTANT MINISTERS* – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

Stan Rose (10:30 am)

*LECTOR* – Pat Gilbert (10:30 am)

*COMMUNION ASSISTANTS* – Josh Graffius, Martha Klomp (10:30 am)

Choir:

Patricia Boyd, Molly Gaber,

Carol Carlson, Mary Laver,

Bob Banks, David Ruler,

Jonathan Gaber, Ken Kraut, Otto 'Skip' Meyn



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Ed Hokaj's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, June 18 by Marilyn Rositer.

**Lectern flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty and Martin Halttunen by their daughter, Janet Kent.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Joe Helm who died Sunday, June 6. Joe's funeral service was held Thursday, June 10.

**Baskets** are located at the doors for bulletins to be placed in following our 8:15 worship service. If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the basket. Thank you.

**Luther Memorial Church Policy –  
Following the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines**

1. People who have been fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks after receiving the vaccine) do not have to wear a mask when entering the church building beginning on Sunday, June 20, 2021. (If you choose to wear a mask that is your personal choice.)
2. If you have not been vaccinated then mask wearing is mandatory until June 28, 2021 according to the PA Department of Health.
3. We will no longer have worship service attendees or others sign in for contact tracing.
4. We will no longer have pews blocked off, but of course we respect your choice to continue physical distancing.

We are pleased and thankful that our members have been so cooperative during this difficult time and we thank you for your continued cooperation.

**Today's Events**

**Congregational Life** committee will gather at 11:45 this morning in the conference room.

**Presque Isle ProMusica** (*a chamber orchestra in residence at Luther Memorial*) will present a series of free concerts throughout the summer. The first of these will be offered this evening at 7:00pm in the main church. Please join us as we welcome the Chautauqua Brass. A complete description of this evening's program is in the bulletin under "Presque Isle ProMusica".

**ReCharge contemporary** worship service will be held today. We will gather for fellowship at 3:00pm (socially distanced); you are welcome to bring snacks or a picnic for you and your family. Fellowship will be held in our outdoor green space near 10<sup>th</sup> Street. We will gather for worship on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. **Please note our time change; fellowship from 3:00-4:00pm and outdoor worship from 4:00-5:00pm.**

**Thank you to Luther Memorial Congregation and Camp Sponsors**

**Pastor Coleman** would like to thank you for your faithful and generous ministry offerings. Because of your giving, twelve of our students will be able to attend confirmation camp this week. Your giving has made their attendance possible. In addition, Pastor Coleman would like to thank the following people for sponsoring students to attend. A special thanks to Joe Helm and Roberta Lobaugh, Mary and John Laver, Judie Harrison-Means, Amy MacDougall in memory of Sylvia Johnson, and Joann Wagner.

**Opportunities for Worship and Prayer**

**Sunday Morning Worship** – In-person worship at 8:15am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel using our new camera equipment. The service will continue to be on Facebook Live through the month of June. The recording is posted to the Church Webpage by 12:00 noon. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA". Subscribe to the channel. We understand this will be an adjustment for some, but if you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Pastor Coleman or Norma Buerk.

## Summer Worship Music

**Throughout our summer worship services**, there are opportunities for vocal and instrumental solos. If you would like to contribute any of the following, please contact Cantor Walt Gaber at 814.602.2755 or [WaltGaber@gmail.com](mailto:WaltGaber@gmail.com):

- Lead the singing of a psalm
- Sing a vocal solo
- Play an instrumental solo

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** continues to have fun gathering together, working on yarn projects, and sharing laughter. Masks are worn and safe distancing protocol is followed. We gather in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Brighten up your morning and join us June 22 from 10:00am-12:00 noon. Please contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes with any questions, 454-0106.

## Presque Isle ProMusica

**Presque Isle ProMusica** (*a chamber orchestra in residence at Luther Memorial*) will present a series of free concerts throughout the summer. As we all monitor our community's progress and response to the pandemic, they have chosen to ease back into live performances with small ensemble concerts.

Today at 7:00pm, they will present the Chautauqua Brass performing in our nave. Some members of this ensemble have previously played at Luther Memorial and liked the acoustics so much they had scheduled a concert for April, 2020. Unfortunately, that concert had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

Founded in 2018, this brass quartet includes trumpeter Landon Gray and three trombonists: Devin Bennett, tenor; Bobby Fisco, alto & tenor; and Daniel Marion, bass. They play both ancient and modern music, composed, or arranged, for brass. The group also has a keen focus on music education and musicians' wellness. In addition to their performances, they offer educational workshops and master classes for student musicians of all ages.

Their program for us will include music by Morley, Haydn, Dvorak, Gliere and Bruckner, some traditional pieces arranged for them, more recent hits by Harold Arlen, Erroll Garner and Bela Fleck – old favorites and some enchanting surprises. The concert promises to combine virtuosity with sheer fun with Brian Hannah of WQLN serving as host and interviewer.

**Presque Isle ProMusica** concerts are free and open to the public. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door. Luther Memorial's current COVID-19 protocols will be in effect. Please consult future church newsletters and bulletin announcements for more information about the remaining concerts to be held on the second Sunday of the months June through September.

**Those attending last Friday's online Synod Assembly** were able to listen to ten of the **hymns that our choir has recorded** for use in our own services over the past year. These were played during the breaks and transitions between the assembly sessions. If you wish to see and listen to those presentations, please visit the synod's YouTube channel: "NWPA Synod, ELCA". And as a reminder, you can always visit the Luther Memorial website ([LutherMemorialOnline.org/Music\\_HymnRecordings](http://LutherMemorialOnline.org/Music_HymnRecordings)) where you will find the approximately 115 hymn recordings we have created.

## Worship

**At Luther Memorial Church** we are thankful that we are able to provide at home communion. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine during worship. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at [lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org), Norma Buerk by email at [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org), or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.



### Health Information

**Blood pressures** will be offered on the third Sunday of each month following the 10:30am service beginning June 20. It's been a while since everyone has been checked, so stop in the library for a visit. We ask that you be fully vaccinated to have your blood pressure checked.

### Care Ministry

**Our Care Ministry** is a vital part of Luther Memorial and it is important that we be there to help one another and provide support when we can. If you would like to be a Care Minister to someone in need in our congregation, please contact our Care Minister Coordinator, Linda Graffius, at 454-0106, ext. 229 or [lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org) or Norma Buerk at 454-0106, ext. 221 or [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org).

### Support the Luther Memorial Concert Series

The LM Concert Series 2020-2021 season was cancelled due to the pandemic. We hope that all of you have missed attending live music events and are looking forward to the resumption of those in the near future. At this time, we are beginning to plan our 2021-2022 season which will hopefully include the return of our **Bach Cantata Vespers** services. We will also continue hosting the **Presque Isle ProMusica** chamber orchestra. This Luther Memorial ministry is made possible through the donations of our supporters. Although we have enough funds to begin this next season, we require your support to continue into 2022 and beyond.

To become a supporter of the Luther Memorial Concert Series please complete the attached form and send it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Your sponsorship is fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

Please accept my donation for the current 2021-2022 season.

(\$500 or more)          Guarantor          Benefactor          Donor          Friend  
                                  (\$200 - \$499)     (\$75 - \$199)     (up to \$74)

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Complete this form, enclose cash or check and return to the church at 225 West Tenth Street, Erie PA 16501. Thank you.

## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, JUNE 14**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 17</b>	3:00pm	Organ Lesson
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
		Return from Confirmation Camp

<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 18</b>	3:00pm	Property Committee
	5:00pm	Jensen/Corbran Wedding Rehearsal

<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 19</b>	4:30pm	Jensen/Corbran Wedding
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**SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Pastor William E. Coleman** will be preaching at the 8:15am and 10:30am services in the main church. The 10:30am service may be viewed on Facebook Live and also on our church YouTube channel. The recording is posted to the Church Webpage by 12:00 noon. To watch the service on YouTube, go to YouTube, in the search bar type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA". Subscribe to the channel.

**The recorded service** will be available by 12:00 noon and can be viewed on Luther Memorial Church's website at [www.luthermemorialonline.org](http://www.luthermemorialonline.org) by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

**Blood pressures** will be offered in the library following the 10:30am service.

— PRAYER LIST —

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Joanne Dahlstrand family	Dorothy Overberg	Judy & Robert Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Roy Washill	Bill Grande
Bob Peterson	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Brent Young	Grace Petron	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Lois Fobes	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Steve Narusewicz
Dave Mumford	Erika Pirschel family	Family of Joe Helm	Joyce Zwilling

**Friends and Family:**

Debbie	Patty Chadwick	Ellen Schauerman	Bobbi MacInnes
Patrice DiTullio	Kristen	Larry E.	Leola Weist
John & Naomi Howard	Jonathan	Jesse McFadden	Joe Gross
Madison & family	Ed Hokaj	Elijah Montero	Ray Polasky
Linda Sutto	Linda Grimm	Amanda Toms	Johnny Heubel
Carol & Frank V.	Edna Pett	Philippe Pierre	Katrina Foltz
Amy Johnson-McDougall	Jeff F.	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingram	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Hildy	Paul Spierling	Joan Torrelli	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. F.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Jennifer Young (not related to Pat)	Ethan Polasky	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Brandy Dyne
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Joyce DiMichele
Suleski family	Lucia Doyle	Jeff F.	June Madurski
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Stephany Bourne	Jay Henry	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Kathryn P.	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Grace	Dave Cooney	Patty Meadowcroft	Nancy Ritzmann
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Mike B.	Ben Nalepa
Marilyn Schultz	Theresa Abrams	Sonya Kisak	Frank Nalepa
Scott Respecki	Bryan & Bev	Andrew Dahlstrand	Logan
Kirsten Braley	Conner Hickey	Dorothy McCarty	Jim Schumacher
Bishop Michael Lozano	Liam	Steve & Leah W.	Daisy C.
Judy Oosterkamp	Amy	Patrick L	Pete Battersby
Seamus S.	Greta Staton	Sue Kuhn	Lenny

**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Michael Stickner	Matt Anderson	Stephen Benacci	Andrew Watson
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