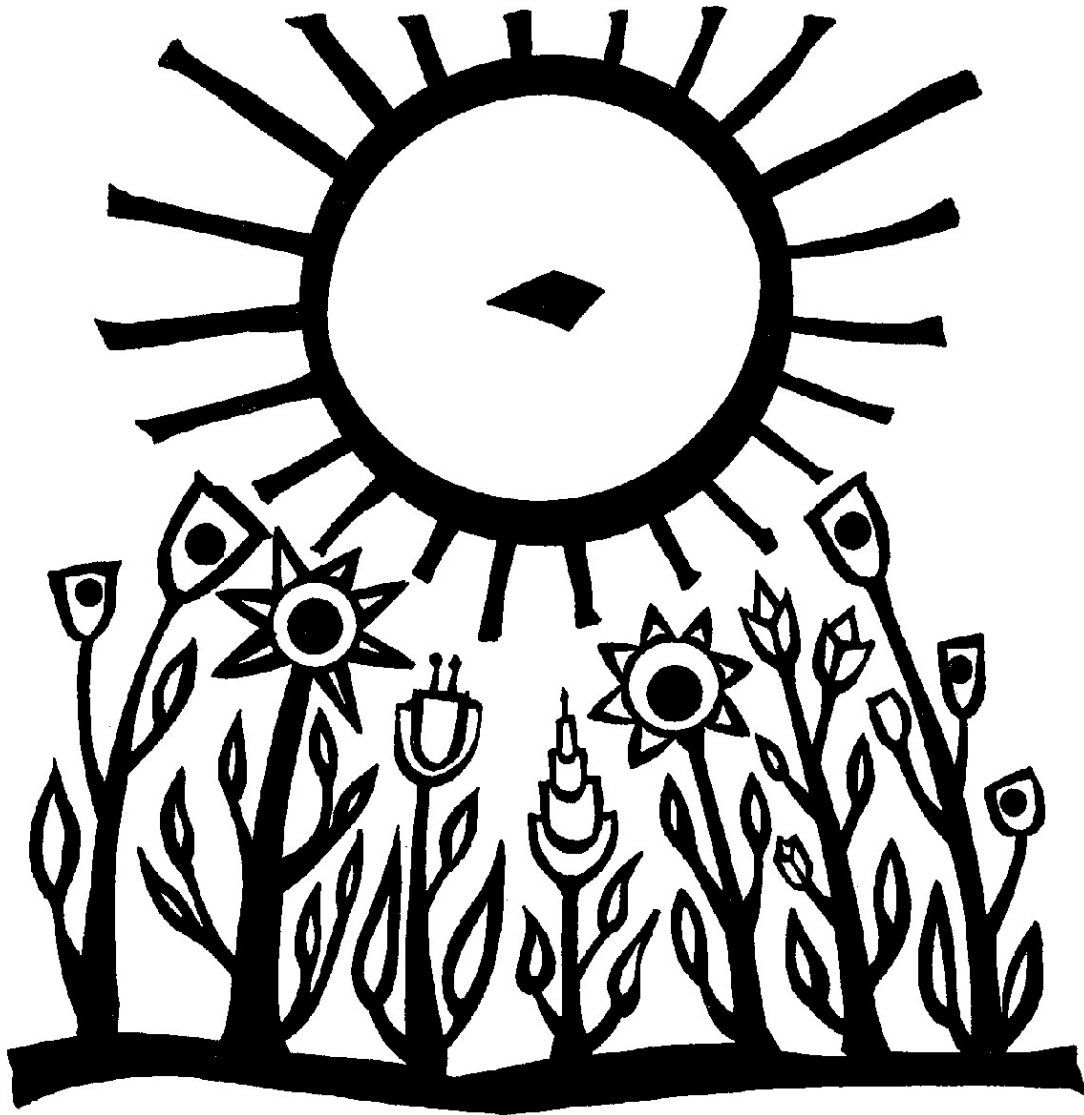


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



4 AUGUST 2024
The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

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JAN MACINNES

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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 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).

4 AUGUST 2024

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – "Suite du Deuxième Ton"

Louis-Nicolas Clèrambault (1676 - 1749)

Plein jeu

Duo

Flûtes

Récit de Nazard

Basse de Cromhorne

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Please pray with me. Jesus, you spread out your arms to welcome the world. And then you tell us to feed them.

C **But we struggle with your command.**
We find the seed of doubt growing in our hearts:
What is our compassion among so much pain?
What is our small kindness in a system of injustice?
What is one act of reconciliation in a divided society?
How can so little food feed so many hungry mouths?

P We have simply forgotten: when you ask us to feed the world, you always provide the bread.

C **Even when we have tasted**
the bread you multiply;
even when we gather your leftovers,
we still find ourselves between your wondrous power
and our sinful reality.

P So we ask for your forgiveness.

C **When you call for our faith,**
forgive our unbelief.
As you prepare our heavenly dwelling,
forgive our earthly worries.
When you offer us armfuls of food that satisfies,
forgive our appetite for unhealthy fare.
When your gospel challenges us,
forgive our irritable complaints.

P People of God, Jesus knows you are hungry for forgiveness. So Jesus has set our table with bread from heaven; and a feast to heal the soul. You are forgiven. God leavens you with eternal goodness. + Jesus gives you forgiveness enough to share. And the Holy Spirit fills your life with the flavor of transformation. You are forgiven.

C **God, give us this bread always. Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 362

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,...be with you all.
- ☑ And also with you.

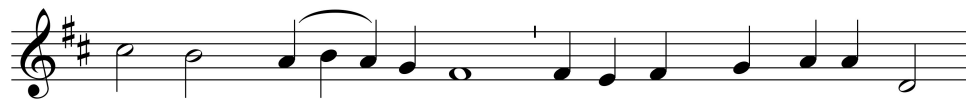
HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 362

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing



8. Fa - ther, who the crown___ shall give, Sav - ior,



by whose death___ we live, Spir-it, guide through all our days:



Three in One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.
 Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
 Bread of Life, you have fed us before. Somehow we are still hungry. You will feed us today. Tomorrow we will hunger again. Feed us every time we hunger. Even before we know we are hungry—even before we understand what satisfies—you have set the table.
- ☑ Amen.

Please be seated.

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

READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for the Lord has heard your complaining.’ ” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the

Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ” ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:23-29 (*Spoken responsively.*)

²³So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**
²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.
²⁶**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**
²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**
²⁹So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

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.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son-of-Man will give you. For it is on the Son-of-Man that God, the Father, has set the seal.” ²⁸Then they said to Jesus, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one whom God has sent.” ³⁰So

they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C 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.

For information about this new hymn from Malaysia, read Worship Matters in the Announcements.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 965

The Rice of Life



1 The rice of life from heav - en came to
 2 True rice the hun - gry world has fed, the
 3 The rice of God for all is meant; no
 4 The liv - ing rice, for all a sign, came



bring true life from God a - bove. Re - ceive this gift; God's
 rice re - quired for life be - low. Pro - vide this gift; God's
 one who comes is turned a - way. Be - lieve in Christ whom
 down e - ter - nal life to give. A - bide in Christ, the



mer - cy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.
 mer - cy spread; in weak - ness God's com - pas - sion show.
 God has sent; in hum - ble trust God's will o - bey.
 liv - ing vine; in Christ, with peo - ple, die and live.

Text: J. Andrew Fowler, b. 1935

Music: BÍ-NÍU, I-to Loh, b. 1936

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APOSTLES' CREED

A Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized.

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

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.

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 PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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

A Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed, especially Gage Anthony Post. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

- The peace of the Lord is with you.
- And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of 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.

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" *Land of Rest*

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ACS 1092

Thank You, Lord



1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
2 Been so good, been so good, been so

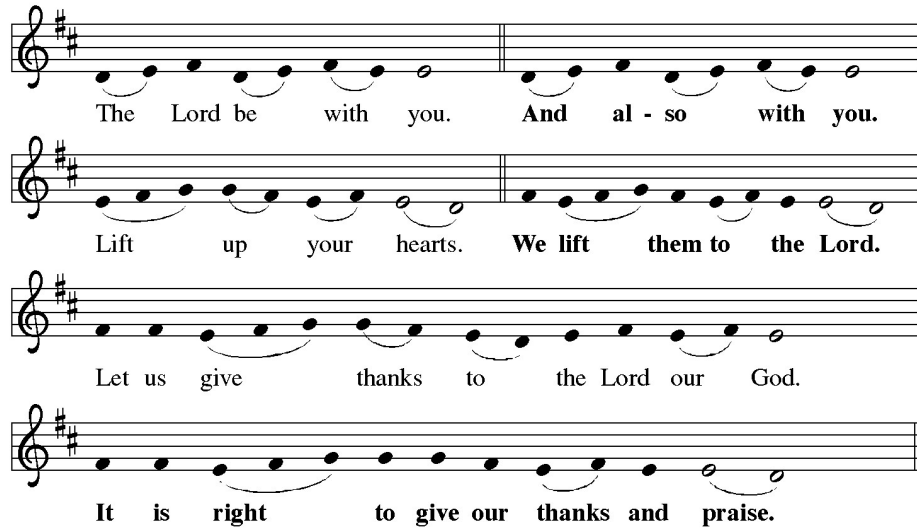
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- Let us pray:
- God, you open the clouds
and rain down manna from heaven.
Satisfy our cravings with your goodness,
fill us in our need and satisfy us in our desire
that at may be your Body,
broken and shared for a world in need.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

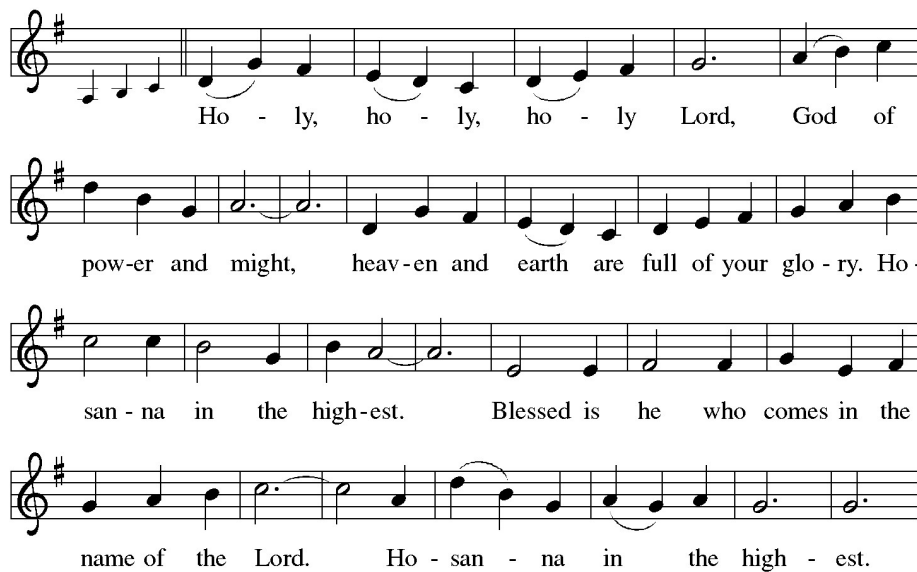


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☐ God of all, mighty and merciful, the fullness of creation is your crowning glory. We thank you and praise you for you have satisfied the hunger of your people in every age: from the beginning you drew up food from the earth and humankind from the soil, filling our nostrils full of your Breath. You ate the fatted calf with Abraham and Sarah, and answered their deep longing for a child; you sustained your chosen people with manna as you led them toward the promised land; you sent prophets to answer the cry for bread and for justice; and in the fullness of time, you sent your own Son, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven;

*Who, in the night in which he was handed over,
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.*

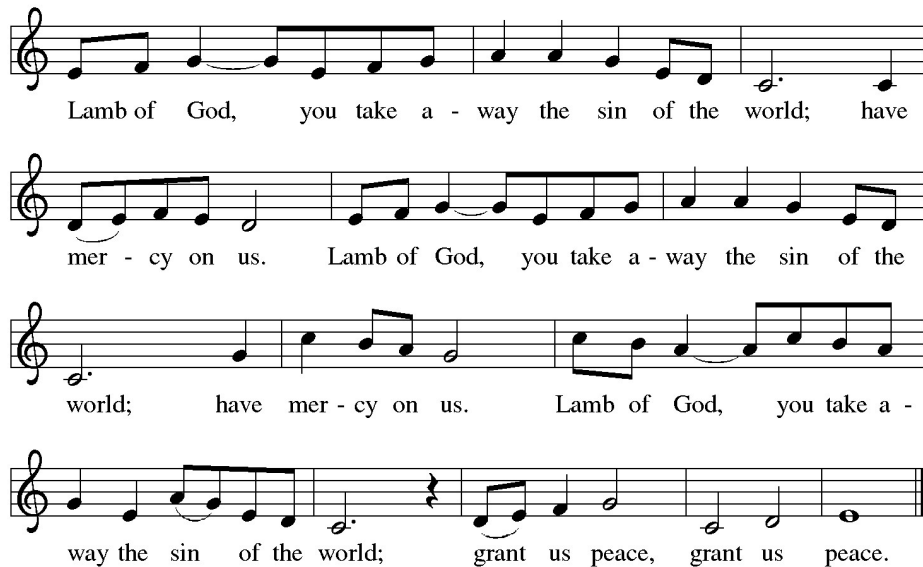
- ☐ Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory to share with us the great and promised feast.
- ☐ Pour out upon us + the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and stir in us a hunger for justice and thirst for compassion. Open wide your hand and satisfy our deep desire—feed us with the Bread that is you. All honor and glory to you, almighty God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

- ☐ Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
- ☐ 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

ELW 542

O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef for the voice part and a treble and bass clef for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

ELW 487

What Feast of Love

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.
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TABLE BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ...and bring you to everlasting life.
- C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Let us pray:
 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.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

☐ ...now and forever.

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 509

Onward, Christian Soldiers

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.
but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.

Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;
gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.

for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!
one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:

Refrain

On-ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn 'On-ward, Christian Soldiers'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the lyrics 'On-ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924
Music: ST. GERTRUDE, Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – "Suite du Deuxième Ton" *Caprice sur les grands Jeux*

Louis-Nicolas Clèrambault

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— SERVING TODAY —

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ASSISTING MINISTER – Emma Chaffee

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Jonathan Ulrich

VIOLINIST – Linda Melaragno

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Linda Graffius, Carl Moore, Mary Mumford

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my grandson, Gage Anthony Post, by Patricia Boyd.

Front lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Jeanne Gaber's birthday on August 6 by her family.

Many youth will be off to college soon. Please contact Norma in the church office and share their mailing and/or email address with us so we can keep in touch. Thank you.

Today's Events

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

Our prelude begins at 10:25 each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshipping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A reminder that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

Worship Matters

About the Hymn of the Day *The Rice of Life*: “What if wheat was not the basic, staple grain of our diet? This hymn looks at the sixth chapter of John through the lens of an Asian diet. The text writer takes John 6 and retranslates it to “The living rice . . . came down eternal life to give.” While it may feel strange in our mouths, it would make sense in Malaysia, where this text originated. The tune comes from a folk melody of the Bunan tribe, who are the native people of Taiwan still living in the inner regions of the country. Scholar and hymnist I-to Loh wrote down some of their songs, including this rice-pounding song, and gave it new life as a Christian hymn.”

This note in *All Creation Sings* explains that rice, not bread, is a staple of life in many Asian cultures, and that this hymn expands our metaphors for holy communion and contextualizes the image of Jesus as the bread of life in John 6. Bread in Old and New Testament times did not look like nor probably taste like what people in the West call bread. The “staple of life” is what “bread” means. As I-to Loh (b. September 28, 1936), this tune’s composer, says, “For the Iban of Malaysia, rice is the basic ingredient of a meal. J. Andrew Fowler (March 7, 1935-January 5, 2021), an American Methodist missionary in Malaysia, wrote this hymn “to interpret the unfamiliar concept of Western bread in the primarily rice-oriented societies in Asia.”

J. Andrew Fowler’s father was a medical doctor who planned to go to the Belgian Congo in 1932 as a medical missionary, but the Great Depression prevented that. The younger Fowler became a teacher, pastor, and missionary, who studied at Southwestern University and at Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University. He held many positions in Methodist churches, schools, and world-wide councils in the United State and Asia as a teacher, principal, pastor, missionary, board member, and executive secretary. In addition to numerous articles, he wrote two hymns, this one and “The Lord is Pure Unbounded Love,” both included in *Sound the Bamboo*).

-*Companion to Assembly Song in All Creation Sings*

Let us, then, sing with our siblings in Asia of Christ who is both Bread and Rice—sustenance and staple food, the very nourishment that satisfies our cravings.

Adult Faith Formation

The 2024-2025 Schedule of Adult Faith Formation options is available on the Welcome Table outside of both the chapel and sanctuary. Inside you will find the schedule of topics for: Adult Forum, Bible Study, Bible after Dark, and Book Group. Check it out! Any questions, contact Pastor Jay.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group is hoping you stop in for our knitting and crocheting mornings the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Spend a relaxing morning working on your yarn projects and visiting with friends. Join us August 13 and August 27 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will get in touch with their artistic side at the Neighborhood Art House on Wednesday, August 14 with a painting lesson led by an instructor. The cost of \$10 will cover a canvas and supplies. Join us from 10:00am-12:00 noon and get creative. RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, August 9.

News from the Lutheran World Federation

COMMON STATEMENT ON THE FILIOQUE

*The Joint International Commission on Theological Dialogue
Between the Lutheran World Federation and the Orthodox Church*

We, representatives of The Lutheran World Federation and the Orthodox Church, have come together in a spirit of love and Christian communion to discuss the Church-dividing issue of the procession of the Holy Spirit. We both affirm the full divinity and personhood of the Holy Spirit, which was expressed in different ways in the eastern and the western traditions. We know that the Filioque was inserted in the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed by the Latin Church in response to the heresy of Arianism centuries after the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed's composition. The Eastern Church has always protested this insertion. As part of the Latin tradition, the reformers inherited the Creed with the Filioque and did not consider it problematic. Valuing this old and most venerable ecumenical Christian text, we suggest that the translation of the Greek original (without the Filioque) be used in the hope that this will contribute to the healing of age-old divisions between our communities and enable us to confess together the faith of the Ecumenical Councils of Nicaea (325 CE) and Constantinople (381 CE).

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed is a doctrinal statement used in the liturgy. The people of God pray the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed and in that prayer their faith is shaped by the Triune God. Renewed focus on the original wording of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed may encourage renewed theological reflection on the Trinity and the role of the Holy Spirit.

Moreover, we both affirm that in our Trinitarian doctrine the Father is the cause (αἴτιος) of the generation of the Son and of the procession of the Spirit. The Orthodox understand that the Filioque was often meant to underline the relationship between the Son and the Spirit and the Lutherans are aware that in the Orthodox tradition the Spirit is sometimes conceived as proceeding (ἐκπορευόμενον) through the Son. We are also aware that there are other ways to indicate the relationship of the Son and the Spirit. We hope that the exploration of the formula "through the Son" used by Maximus the Confessor, John of Damascus, and Tarasius of Constantinople and relevant views by Gregory of Cyprus and Gregory Palamas, might facilitate our common effort to reach further agreement regarding the procession of the Holy Spirit.

Luther Memorial Academy

Mark your calendars for our first annual **Block Party!** We will gather on Saturday, September 7 on the greenspace to celebrate all LMA has to offer! Activities and games for all ages. Raffle and food and drink available! Come on out and support this gem of a school in the Gem City!

Community Support

Ponchos are being collected for distribution to the homeless on Friday, August 23. Donations of ponchos or monetary assistance may be given to Sarah Prylinski, Clinical Program Manager with Hamot Health Foundation. Donations may also be left in the church office.

Items to Note

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 6:30pm Bible After Dark (Brewerie)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024 THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Barb Dennison
Communion Assistant	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	<i>(I needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	Sarah Prylinski
Counters	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Mike Hedlund
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	Sue Cappelletty,

Readings and Commemorations This Week

August 5 – Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32; Ephesians 4:17-24

August 6 – Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Deuteronomy 8:1-20; I Corinthians 12:27-31

August 7 – Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Isaiah 55:1-9; Mark 9:1-10

August 8 – **Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221** – Psalm 96:1-7; Romans 10:13-17; John 7:16-18 -- *Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.*

August 9 – Psalm 34:1-8; II Samuel 17:15-29; Galatians 6:1-10

August 10 – **Lawrence, deacon, martyr, 258** – Psalm 112:1-9; II Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 -- *As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.*

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Marilyn Rositer	Cathy Beck & Jim
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	Virginia Long
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family			
Friends and Family:			
Kate Collins & family	Lily	Marlo	Amy Roschy
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Curtis Krick
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Stephanie Volland	Barbara Beatty	Jonah Allgeier
Jean Coburn	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters
Connie Haibach & family	Katja Mestrom	Bernadette Mulder	Steve Sensor
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry
Andy Zimmerman	Norma Lynch	Susan Brooks	Lynn Swanson
Kevin D.	Jenn Eddy		
Grief:			
Partusch family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown

ERIE GIVES DAY 2024



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A NON-PROFIT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 8:00AM – 8:00PM
12 HOURS OF GIVING

Day and Time: The online event takes place on August 13. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.

Participating Nonprofits: Your organization must be a 501(c)(3), serve Erie County and either be a member of [The Nonprofit Partnership](#) or have an Agency Endowment with the Erie Community Foundation to participate in Erie Gives. **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.**

Gift Amount: The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

Making a Donation: Simply log on to www.eriegives.org or call the Erie Community Foundation at 454-0843.

Credit Cards: Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. Debit cards will also be accepted. (Credit card gift cards will not be accepted.)

Checks: Donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation;
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. The Check Donation Form is available for download and is included with this morning's bulletin. A Check Donation Form can be mailed to you by contacting the Foundation or our church office;
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Friday, August 9, 2024.

Prorated Match: The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance each donor's gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

Your Receipt: You will receive an email receipt of your gift; please retain it for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

GIVE TO YOUR FAVORITE ERIE GIVES NONPROFIT(S) BY CHECK AND 100% OF YOUR DONATION(S) WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CAUSE(S).

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE ERIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND EITHER MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE FOUNDATION OFFICES AT 459 WEST 6TH STREET, ERIE, PA 16507 BY FRIDAY, **AUGUST 9, 2024.**



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We will send you a digital receipt for your records.

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