Welcome to

Luther Memorial Church

of the Erie Lutheran Parish



16 JUNE 2024
The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

225 West Tenth Street • Erie, PA 16501 • 814-454-0106 REV. JAY C. MITCHELL, *Pastor*

WALT GABER

Cantor

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SARAH PRYLINSKI
Youth and Family Ministry
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Care Ministry

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 worshiping 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).

16 JUNE 2024 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – "Pastorale on Italian Hymn"
"Partita on Terra Beata"

Richard Prouix Raymond H. Haan

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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- **P** God, our provider,
- e help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways

of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

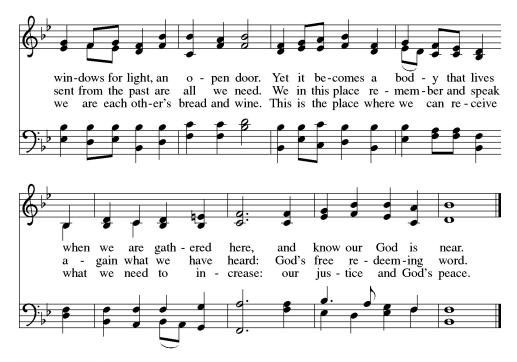
and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

- P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, + the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, + the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 524





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GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** Let us pray.
 - 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.
- **G** Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD - "God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song."

READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

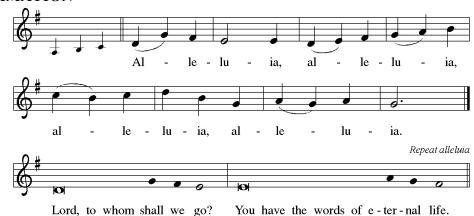
²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender shoot from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will transplant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will transplant it, and it will 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. ²⁴All 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.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

²⁶Jesus said, "The dominion of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, the sower does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once the sower goes in with a sickle because the harvest has come." ³⁰Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the dominion of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet 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." ³³With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 1063

God of the Fertile Fields



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APOSTLES' CREED

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

A We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

The assisting minister, on behalf of all, lifts up intercessions to which the assembly responds:

...merciful God,

- **©** receive our prayer.
- A Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
- Amen.

THE PEACE

- **P** 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 Pensylvania 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING - "Andante"

J. L. Krebs

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY ACS 1092

Thank You, Lord Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord. thank you, Been good, good, been been so SO 10 0 just want to thank Lord. Lord. Lord. good, just want to thank you,

Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life,...your body for the life of the world.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING after the Didache

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P We give thanks and praise to you, Holy God our Creator, for the holy vine of David your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus Your Servant who in the night in which he was betrayed took the cup after supper, 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.

- **T**o you, O Creator of the fruit of the vine, be the glory forever.
- P We give thanks and praise to you, Holy God our Creator, for the life and knowledge which you made known to us through Jesus your Servant who took bread and gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

To you, O Creator of the grain of the earth, be the glory forever.

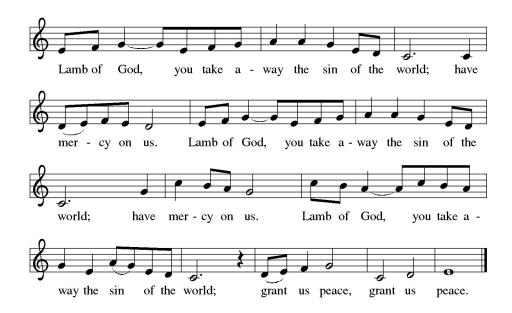
- P Holy God, even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, pour out upon us your Spirit so that your Church may be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your reign; for yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P 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

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

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; 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.

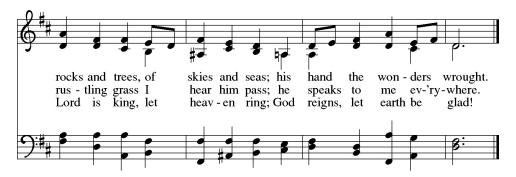
All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 824

This Is My Father's World





Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

ELW 812



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- ▲ Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of 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

- **P** ...now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 661

I Love to Tell the Story





Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are the Body of Christ

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Maestoso"

Herman Schroeder

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Lois Smith

GUEST CANTOR – Bill Lasher

ALTAR GUILD – Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

USHERS – Betty Pletz, Linda & David Ditz

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill Schaal, whose birthday would have been June 14, by his wife, Carol.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. Robert Lasher by his loving family.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory God and in honor of Ed Hojak's birthday on June 18 by Marilyn Rositer.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Phil McAfee who died Thursday, June 6, 2024. Our prayers are with his wife, Sally, and family.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Julie Wolfram who died Thursday, June 6, 2024. Our prayers are with her husband, Bill; her children, Savanna and Bill; mom, Pam Arnold; sister, Mindy Boyd; aunt, Richelle Denning and their families.

We thank Bill Lasher for leading us in our music this morning as we lift our voices in praise.

Altar flowers are available for Sunday, June 30. Please contact Norma in the church office if you would like to place flowers at the altar.

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.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay is out of the office this week attending Confircamp with 6 of our youth. If you have an emergency, please call the church office.

Worship

Worship at the Lakeshore will be held Wednesday, July 17 at Presque Isle, Pine Tree Pavilion (near Beach 9). The evening will begin with a potluck meal at 6:30 followed by a 7:30 worship service. Please bring a dish to share, table settings and a lawn chair. Beverages will be provided. Rain or shine, join us and enjoy a beautiful Erie sunset. The evening is sponsored by the Erie Lutheran Conference.

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 worshiping 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

Did you know that there are options to what we read during the "green season"? There are two "tracks" in the Revised Common Lectionary we follow in the ELCA. One of them is known as "Complementary" and one is known as "Semi-Continuous." The first, which we are following this year, has a choice of a Hebrew Scripture reading that ties in with the gospel. Sometimes this connection is clear, and sometimes it is simply something like Jesus mentioning a story in the Gospel so they assign that same story for the Hebrew Scripture reading. The second, which we are not following this year, follows a single narrative through Hebrew Scripture: one year we follow Abraham, one year we follow Samuel and David, and the third year we follow the prophets. We are also not reading the Epistle—or "letter"—in worship this summer. No matter which lectionary track we would choose, this reading would always be the same and it begins in one place in the letters of Paul and the apostles and simply continues through. Often this reading does not relate to either the Hebrew Scripture or the Gospel. If you would like to know what this reading would be, you can find it in the front of the red hymnal by searching for the date.

Adult Faith Formation

Mark your calendars for the Sundays in July when Adult Forum will share a bit of our own VBS with short sessions between the services. We will be exploring the worship resources of the ELCA—specifically *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *All Creation Sings*. Join us! These sessions will only be offered from 9:30-10:15 on Sunday mornings.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise will be held Sunday, July 14 from 1:00-4:00pm in our parking lot. This is a fun afternoon for the entire family. Car enthusiasts will enjoy a variety of show cars along with DJ Bill Mason, Magic Steve, delicious food, a huge Chinese auction, 50-50 raffle and bake sale. Monies raised will benefit Shriners Children's Hospital and Luther Memorial's Youth. For more information, contact kenscarcruise@gmail.com.

Magic Fingers Grace Group invites you to spend the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month with them for knitting, crocheting and any yarn project you may be creating. These are wonderful mornings of fellowship and laughter. Join us June 25 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 has a wonderful day planned on Wednesday, July 10 when we visit Ferrante's Winery, 5585 North River Road West, Geneva, Ohio, at 12:00 noon. Beautiful scenery and wonderful company; please join us. Reservations are due to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, July 5.

Bethany Outreach Center

Are you a Golfer who enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the 7th Annual Harbor Ridge Open, this year in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center! Join us **Sunday**, **June 30 at 10:00am** at the Harbor Ridge Golf Course, 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail, Erie. Highlights of this "Fun" Fundraiser:

- Several (last year we had 16) Teams will compete in two 9-hole "Scramble" Rounds
- 9 optional "Fun" Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- Even if you're not a golfer, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Pull-Tab Prizes/Games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$320 per Foursome

To sign up see the registration information at the Bethany Outreach Center website (www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org.

Items to Note

Carpets and floors throughout the church and school will be cleaned during the week of July 15. We ask that use of the building be minimal during the week. Please contact the church office if you would like to stop down as some entrances will be blocked off. Thank you.

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162. Thank you.

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MONDAY, JUNE 17	8:00am	LMA Kindergarten Boot Camp	
TUESDAY, JUNE 18	8:00am	LMA Kindergarten Boot Camp	
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19	8:00am	LMA Kindergarten Boot Camp	
THURSDAY, JUNE 20	8:00am	LMA Kindergarten Boot Camp	
FRIDAY, JUNE 21	8:00am	LMA Kindergarten Boot Camp Confirmation Camp Final Day	

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

One worship service will be held at 10:30am at Presque Isle; Rotary Pavilion, #9. Please join us following worship for a picnic lunch and games. All are asked to bring a dish to share, lawn chair and/or blanket. The 8:15am service will not be held.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 ASSISTING IN WORSHIP				
Assisting Minister	10:30am	Chloe Meucci		
Lector	10:30am	Vance Meucci		
Altar Guild	10:30am	Pastor Jay		
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Jeff Swanson		

- PRAYER LIST -

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:						
Our Members:						
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Phil McAfee	Cathy Beck & Jim			
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	Virginia Long			
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family	Jacob O'Brien	•				
Friends and Family:						
Kate Collins & family	Lily	Marlo	Amy Roschy			
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Curtis Krick			
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Stephanie Voland	Barbara Beatty	Jonah Allgeier			
Jenny Hallgren	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters			
Connie Haibach & family	Katja Mestrom	Bernadette Mulder	Jim Berger			
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry			
Grief:						
Paul Gustafson family	Phil McAfee family	Julie Wolfram 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

June 17 – The Emanuel Nine -- Isaiah 11:1-9; Psalm 91; 1 John 3:1-3, 18-24; Matthew 5:1-10 -- On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

June 18 – Psalm 52; Jeremiah 21:11-14; Revelation 21:22-22:5

June 19 – Juneteenth – Exodus 3:7-9; I Corinthians 15:57 – Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the word had yet to travel there. Texas and Louisiana finally got the good news on June 19, 1865. Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration. These were dangerous times. Even in the face of resistance and threat, the formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the United States of America.

June 20 – Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 29:1-20; Acts 20:1-16

June 21 – Onesimus Nesib, translator, evangelist, 1931 – Isaih 62:1-7; Psalm 48; Romans 10:11-17; Luke 24:44-53 – Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

June 22 – Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 37:1-13; Luke 21:25-28