

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



9 MARCH 2025
The First Sunday *in* Lent
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion • ELW Setting Five • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – “Adagio in G Minor”

T. Albinoni

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise in body or spirit and faces the procession.

THE GREAT LITANY

Leader	Assembly
 Lord, have mer - cy.	 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy.	 Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy.	 Lord, have mer - cy.
 O Christ, hear us.	 In mer - cy hear us.
 God, the Father in	 heaven, have mer - cy on us.
 God, the Son, redeemer of the	 world, have mer - cy on us.
 God, the Holy	 Spirit, have mer - cy on us.
 Holy Trinity, one	 God, have mer - cy on us.
 Be grac - ious to us.	 Spare us, good Lord.

Be grac - ious to us. Spare us, good Lord.

From all sin, from all error,
from all evil;
from the cunning assaults
of the devil;
from an unprepared and e - vil death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

From war, bloodshed, and violence;
from corrupt and unjust government;
from sedi - tion and treason: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

From epidemic, drought, and famine;
from fire and flood, earthquake,
lightning, and storm,
and from ever - last - ing death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

By the mystery of your incarnation; by your ho - ly birth: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by your agony and bloody sweat;
by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

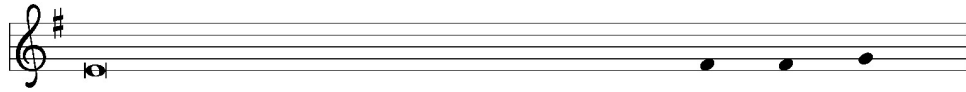
By your resurrection and ascension;
by the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**

In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment: **Save us, good Lord.**

Though unworthy, we im - plore you to hear us, Lord our God.

To rule and govern your holy catholic church;
to guide all servants of your church
in the love of your word and in holiness of life;
to put an end to all schisms
and causes of offense to those who would believe;
and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone a - stray:

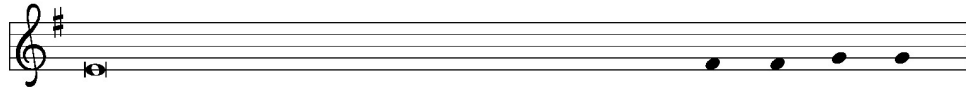
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To beat down Satan under our feet;
 to send faithful workers into your harvest;
 to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;
 to raise up those who fall
 and to strengthen those who stand;
 and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the dis - tressed:



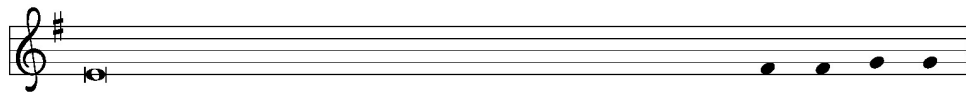
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To give to all nations justice and peace;
 to preserve our country from discord and strife;
 to direct and guard those who have civil authority;
 and to bless and guide all our peo - ple:



We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;
 to protect and guide all who travel;
 to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;
 to watch over children and to guide the young;
 to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;
 to bring reconciliation to families in discord;
 to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;
 to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;
 to support, comfort, and guide
 all orphans, widowers, and widows;
 and to have mercy on all your peo - ple:



We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,
 and to reconcile us to them;
 to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures
 of the earth, the sea, and the air;
 and graciously to hear our prayers:



We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we im - plore you to hear us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; give us peace. A - men.

O Christ, hear us. In mer - cy hear us.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as the place where the name of God dwells. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and the Lord brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

☐ May God add a blessing to the reading of the Word.

PSALM: 91:1-12, 9-16

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,
Snare of the fow-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no fear;
For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to guard you in all of your ways;
say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
un-der God's wings your ref-uge with faith-ful-ness your shield.
up-on their hands they will bear you up lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone.
"And I will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

Text: Michael Joncas, b.1951
Music: Michael Joncas, b.1951

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in the Lord will be put to shame." ¹²For there is

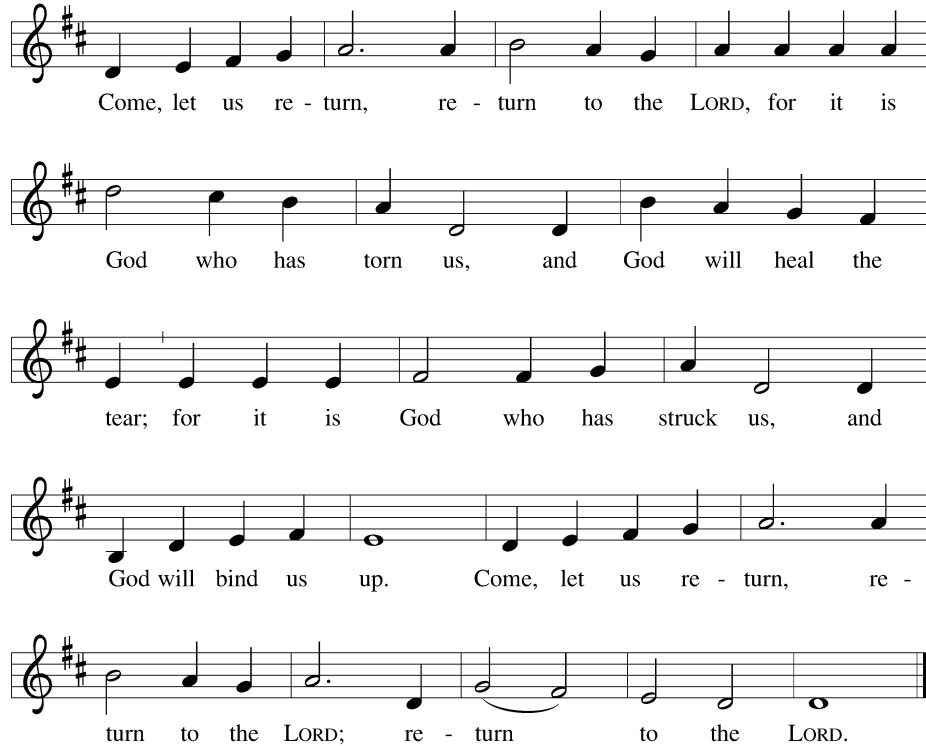
no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on God.
¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

☐ May God add a blessing to the reading of the Word.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain



Come, let us re - turn, re - turn to the LORD, for it is
God who has torn us, and God will heal the
tear; for it is God who has struck us, and
God will bind us up. Come, let us re - turn, re -
turn to the LORD; re - turn to the LORD.

Text: Mark Mummert, based on Hosea 6:1-3
Music: Mark Mummert
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GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered the devil, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵Then the devil led Jesus up and showed him in an instant all the dominions of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered the devil, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only the Lord.’” ⁹Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘God will command the angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered the devil, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³Having finished every test, the devil departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 922

When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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APOSTLES' CREED

- A** 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.**

Please kneel or sit—as is comfortable—for the Prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Trusting in the promises of baptism, the mercy and grace of God, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.
- A** Let us pray for the Church; for deacons, pastors, and bishops; for Francis, Bishop of Rome; and for all the faithful as we begin our Lenten journey.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the Church of Jesus Christ in every place.
- A** Let us pray for God's good creation; for the changing of the seasons; for the promises of spring; wilderness places and fertile fields, in particular areas decimated by fires and flooding.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the needs of creation.
- A** Let us pray for the nations; for those who rule, govern, and lead; all who run for public office; and all places that know war and strife especially Ukraine, Gaza, Haiti, Sudan.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the nations of the world.
- A** Let us pray for those who find themselves in the wilderness: the under-housed and underemployed, the sick, those who bear another's burdens, those who will die today.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the sick, suffering, and those in need.
- A** Let us pray for our Abrahamic siblings: for our Muslim siblings who mark the holy fast of Ramadan and our Jewish siblings as they celebrate Purim; and for all who work for interreligious dialogue and unity.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the work of ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.
- A** Let us pray for those preparing for baptism; for those who seek after the mysteries of God; those who prepare for ministry in the Church.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for those in their catechetical journeys.
- A** Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who have gone before in the way of the cross: Harriet, Sojourner, Gregory, Dave, Paul, Lucille, and Mary Alice; for those whose faith inspires our own; and for those whose faith was known only to God.
Here you may give thanks silently or aloud for our beloved dead.
- A** Keep us, O God, in the promises of baptism until we come to the Feast around the Lamb in whose mercy and grace we trust.
- C Amen.**

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.

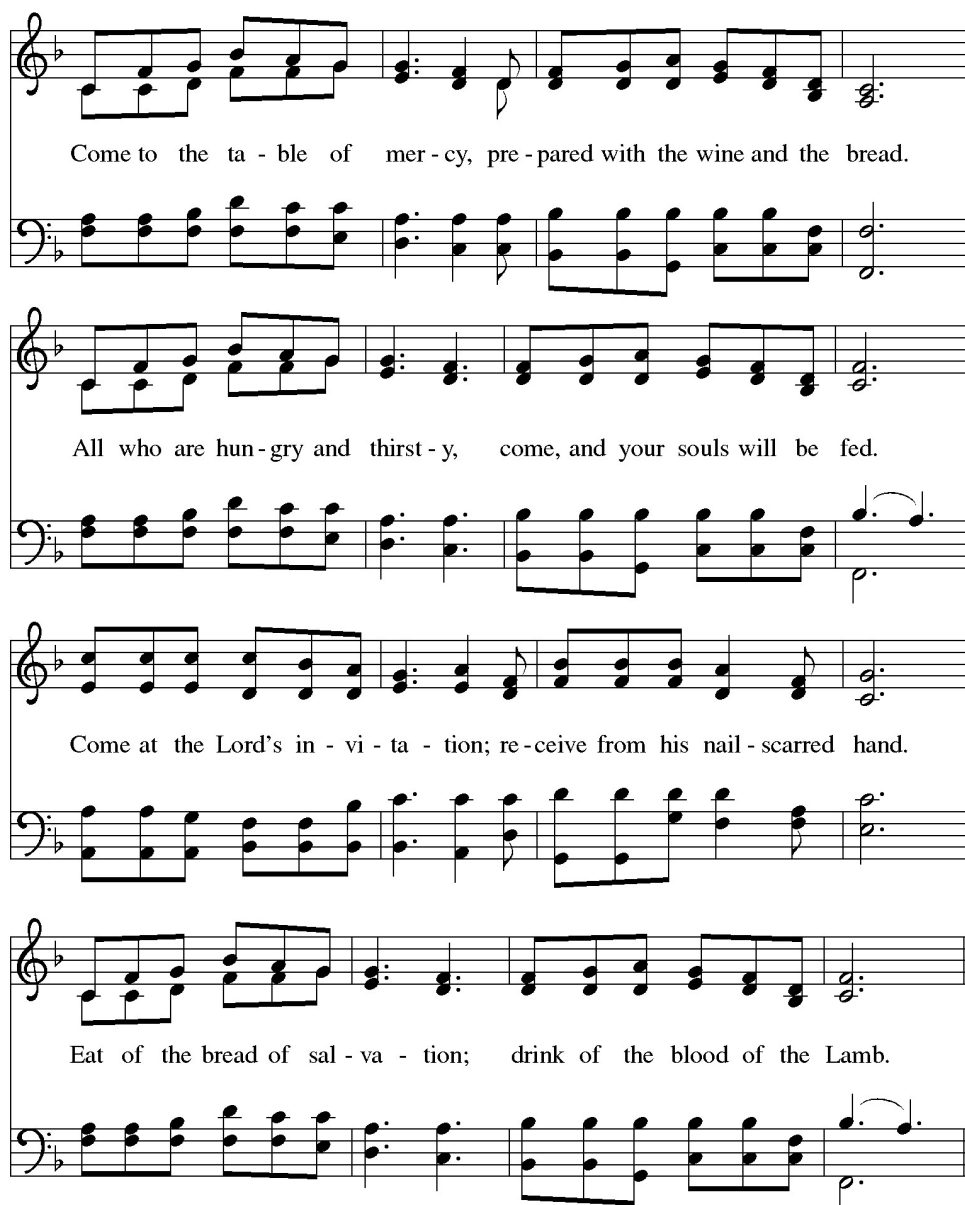
MUSICAL OFFERING – Anthem

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY

Come to the Table

ELW 481



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

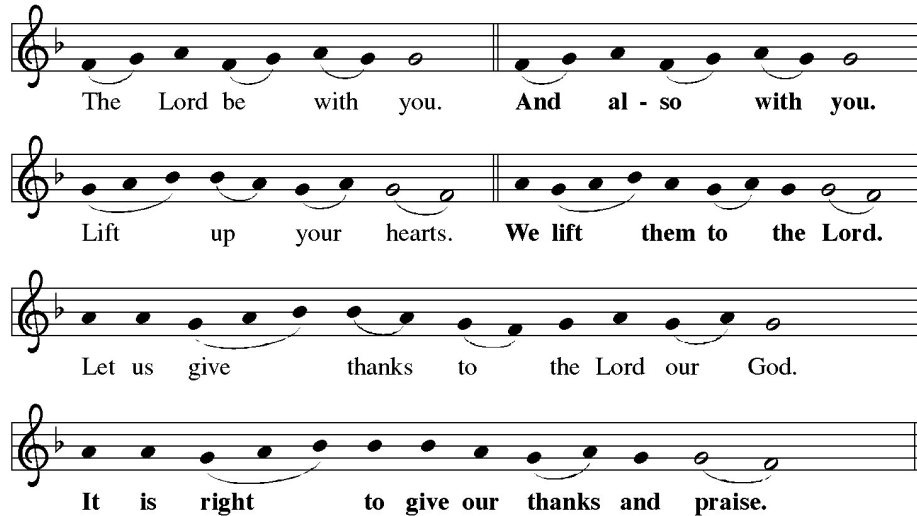
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

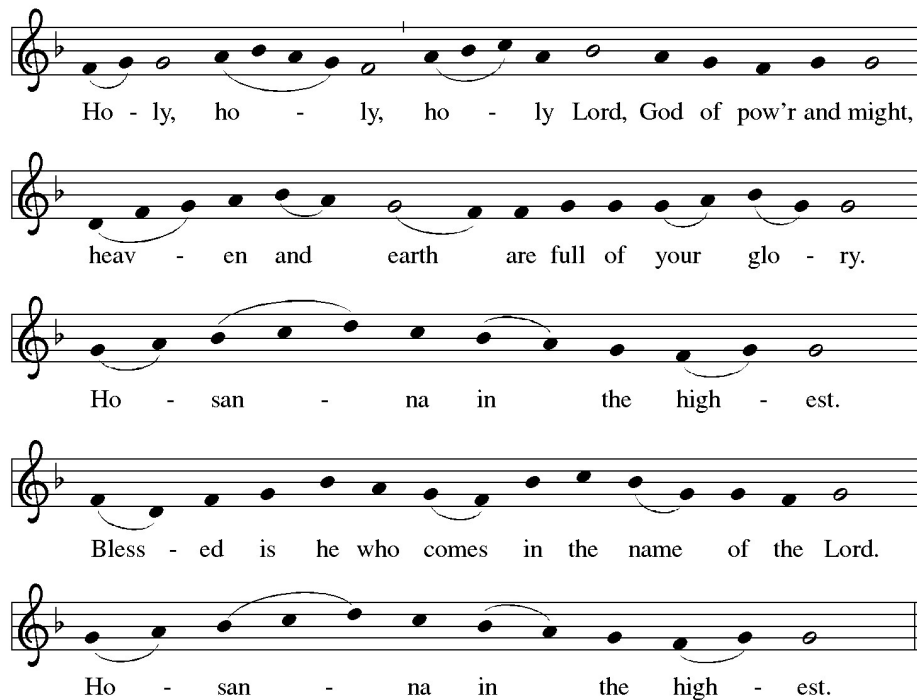


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** O God, Creator of our wilderness world, Savior of the lost, and Comforter of the sick and suffering, we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.
- P** For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood. For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law. For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.
- P** You became truly human in Jesus our brother. For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

*On the night before he died he 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.*

P We extol his life:

C Amen.

P We lament his death:

C Amen.

P We celebrate his resurrection:

C Amen.

P Transform us, O God, + with your lively Spirit. Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son. Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance. Teach us your words of wisdom and justice. Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace. At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.

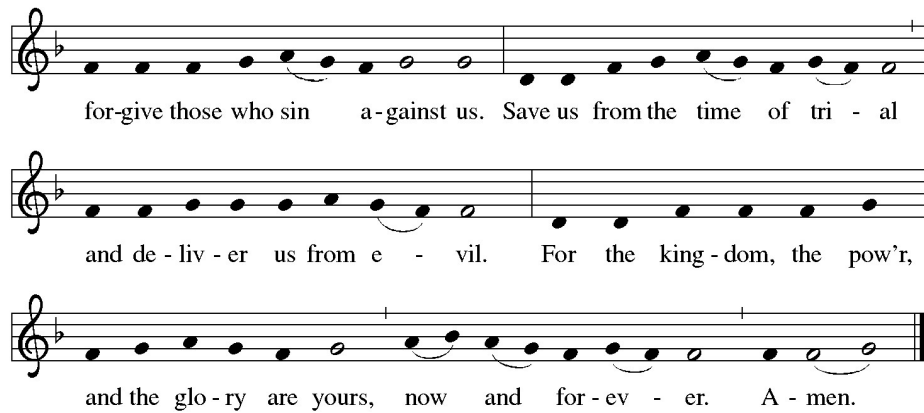
P To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P *Lord, remember us in your sovereignty and teach us to pray.*

C Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE PEACE

☐ Jesus taught them: When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. My siblings, in this meal, we are reconciled with God, let us first be reconciled with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

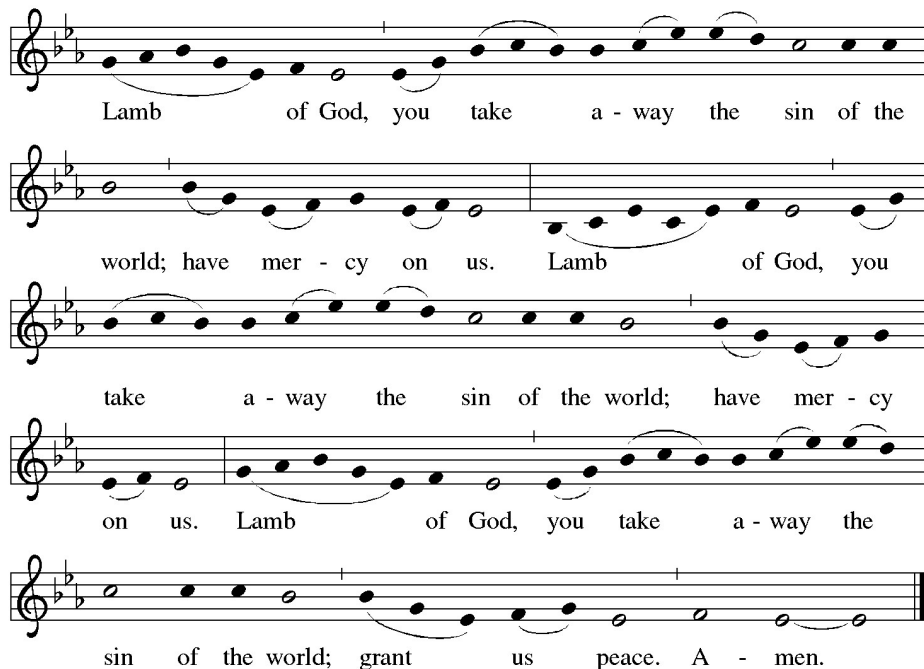
☐ Here is the Lamb of God. Here is the one who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are we who are called to the supper.

☑ **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated.

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. A - men.

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.*

SONGS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 322

Oh, Love, How Deep



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ Elijah got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights. Having been strengthened by this food and drink—our Savior Jesus Christ—let us continue on our Lenten journey.
- ☑ **Amen. We go.**

POSTLUDE – "Erhalt uns, Herr"

A.W. Leupold

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

GREETERS – Pat Bellingham, Les Fobes

CRUCIFER – Madeleine Wertz

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Kate Martin

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Elaine Kern

LECTOR – Linda Melaragno

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Linda Graffius

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Lois & Les Fobes.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Mary Alice Peterhaensel who died February 20, 2025. Mary Alice was the former Latin teacher at Luther Memorial Learning Center.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Dave Cooney who died Monday, March 3, 2025. Prayers are with his son, Rob Cooney, and family.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Paul Berger, Cheryl Brown's nephew, who died Friday, February 28, 2025.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Lucille Kraut, Ken Kraut's mom, who died Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Visitation will be held at Brugger Funeral Home, 1595 West 38th Street, on Tuesday, March 11 from 10:00am – 12:00pm, with a service immediately following.

Altar flowers are available for Sunday, March 30. If you would like to place flowers at the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Worship Matters

The Great Litany has traditionally been how the Church begins the season of Lent. The season of Lent is one of repentance—of returning to God with our whole hearts—in which the other “stuff” of life is parred away until we can focus on the Central Things: the sacraments, prayer, the cross, Jesus in our midst. When we focus on these things we are driven to cling to God in prayer. Yet, baptized into the Christian community we do not pray for ourselves alone but for all of creation which shows the wounds and scars of humanity—greed, hatred, hurt, etc. Having reminded one another to “Come, let us return to the Lord...” on Ash Wednesday, we enter into this season more fully by beginning with prayer in the Litany.

The Great Litany is an ancient prayer that has grown over time. In praying it, we join our voices with saints of the Church throughout the ages and in all places. It was in use long before Luther and was used often. It was prayed at the daily offices of the church (the prayer on the canonical hours) and even many Sundays. While some in the early reformation wanted to remove its use, Luther instead edited the litany and even recommends its usage by his congregation in Wittenberg: “This might help if at Matins, Vespers, or after the sermon, we had the Litany sung or read in the church, especially by the young folk.” We join our voices, then, with Luther and all the Church in prayer for a world that is still desperately in need of God's mercy and grace. And we continue the practices and disciplines of prayer into the coming season.

Today's Events

Please join us this morning for:

- The Adult Forum at 9:15am in the library;
- Second Sunday Soirée at 9:15am for conversation and fellowship in the parlor;
- Sunday School for PreK- grade 5.

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.

Lent Opportunities

Lent with Dietrich is our series for our midweek gatherings this year. There are two opportunities to gather together:

- We will continue our afternoon gathering: 12:05 Worship followed by 12:30 Luncheon *and this year* followed by 1:00pm Learning.
- We have added an evening opportunity to gather. These gatherings will be the same material used in the afternoon: 6:00pm Worship followed by 6:30pm Learning. You are welcome to bring your own supper for the evening.

Additionally, **Lent with Dietrich Devotional Books** are available on all Welcome Tables. These daily devotions (except for Sundays) can serve as a great way to begin or end your day in prayer, Scripture, and reflection. And remember: we crafted this resource together!

Lenten Luncheons will be offered on Wednesdays in Lent; March 12 – April 9 at 12:30pm in fellowship hall. Enjoy a home-cooked meal for only \$10. Our first luncheon on March 12 will feature delicious stuffed shells and meatballs. If you would like to help in any way please contact Betty Pletz at 898-1053 or the church office.

Thirty Minutes with God will be offered on Thursdays, March 13 – April 10, at 12:00pm in the Luther Chapel. These spoken services will be a brief rite of Holy Communion with a reading, reflection, and the Sacrament.

Youth

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, March 11 from 5:30-7:00pm for dinner and planning of our upcoming service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

Lutherlyn summer camp registration began February 1. Various camps are available throughout the summer for all ages. Information is located at the welcome table.

Faith Formation

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, meets the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be tomorrow, Monday, March 10, as we will begin the book *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott. The book may be purchased at local bookstores and on Amazon.

B.A.D. (*Bible After Dark*) will gather again on May 7 at Calamari's at 6:30pm and continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book *Context* by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; March 11 and 25. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Bethany Outreach Center will host a Bingo fundraiser at the Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd Street, on Sunday, March 16. Doors open at 12:00 noon; play begins at 1:00pm. There will also be basket raffles, tips and 50/50 tickets. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased following services this morning by seeing Mike or Casey Hedlund. On March 16 tickets may be purchased at Polish Falcons.

LMA News

Our Luther Lions will once again be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15. We are looking for donations of candy for us to distribute during the parade! If you are able to donate, please drop off your candy in the designated locations near the Welcome Table or in the School Office! Thank you and we'll see you at the parade!

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.

Readings and Commemorations This Week

March 10 – Harriet Tubman, 1913; Sojourner Truth, 1883, renewers of society – Wisdom 8:24-28; Psalm 146; Luke 11:5-10 -- *Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.*

March 11 – Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; II Peter 2:4-21

March 12 – Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604 – I Chronicles 25:1a, 6-8; Psalm 57:6-11; Mark 10:42-45 -- *Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.*

March 13 – Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12

March 14 – Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20

March 15 – Psalm 27; Psalm 118:26-29; Matthew 23:37-39

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Ron King
Ann Flick	Pat Gilbert	Lois Fobes	Bea Leemhuis
Friends and Family:			
Grant, Alina, Charlie Jane McGrail	Jenn	Mary Lou	Norbert Ericson
Racheal Thompson	Phil F.	Andrew Wachter	Dale Dannhaus
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Janine Frank	Casey Smith	Cheryl Atkinson
Branden Jones	Teddy & Rebecca	Jessica Reams	Amy S.
Karen Chilcote	Joey & family	Steve Sensor	Curtis Krick
Grief:			
Bob Giannelli family	Jeff Kraus family	Dave Cooney family	Paul Berger family
Lucille Kraut family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 10	11:00am	Balance Class
	6:00pm	Book Group
TUESDAY, MARCH 11	10:00am	Magic Fingers Grace Group
	2:30pm	LMA Play Rehearsal
	5:30pm	LIA (Youth)
	6:00pm	Church Council
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12	12:05pm	Lenten Worship
	12:35pm	Luncheon
	1:00pm	Learning Session
	6:00pm	Lenten Worship
	6:30pm	Learning Session
THURSDAY, MARCH 13	12:30pm	30 Minutes with God
	1:00pm	Grief Support Group
	2:30pm	LMA Play Rehearsal
	5:30pm	Handbells
	6:30pm	Choir
FRIDAY, MARCH 14	6:30pm	LMA St. Patrick's Day Dance
SATURDAY, MARCH 15	10:00am	Quilting
	5:00pm	Scout Crossover Ceremony

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel or 10:30am in the main church.

Adult Forum will gather at 9:15am.

VASA will meet at 1:00pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Mike Hedlund, Liz Stroup
Video Streaming	10:30am	Nick Lang
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Mike Hedlund
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Bill Lasher