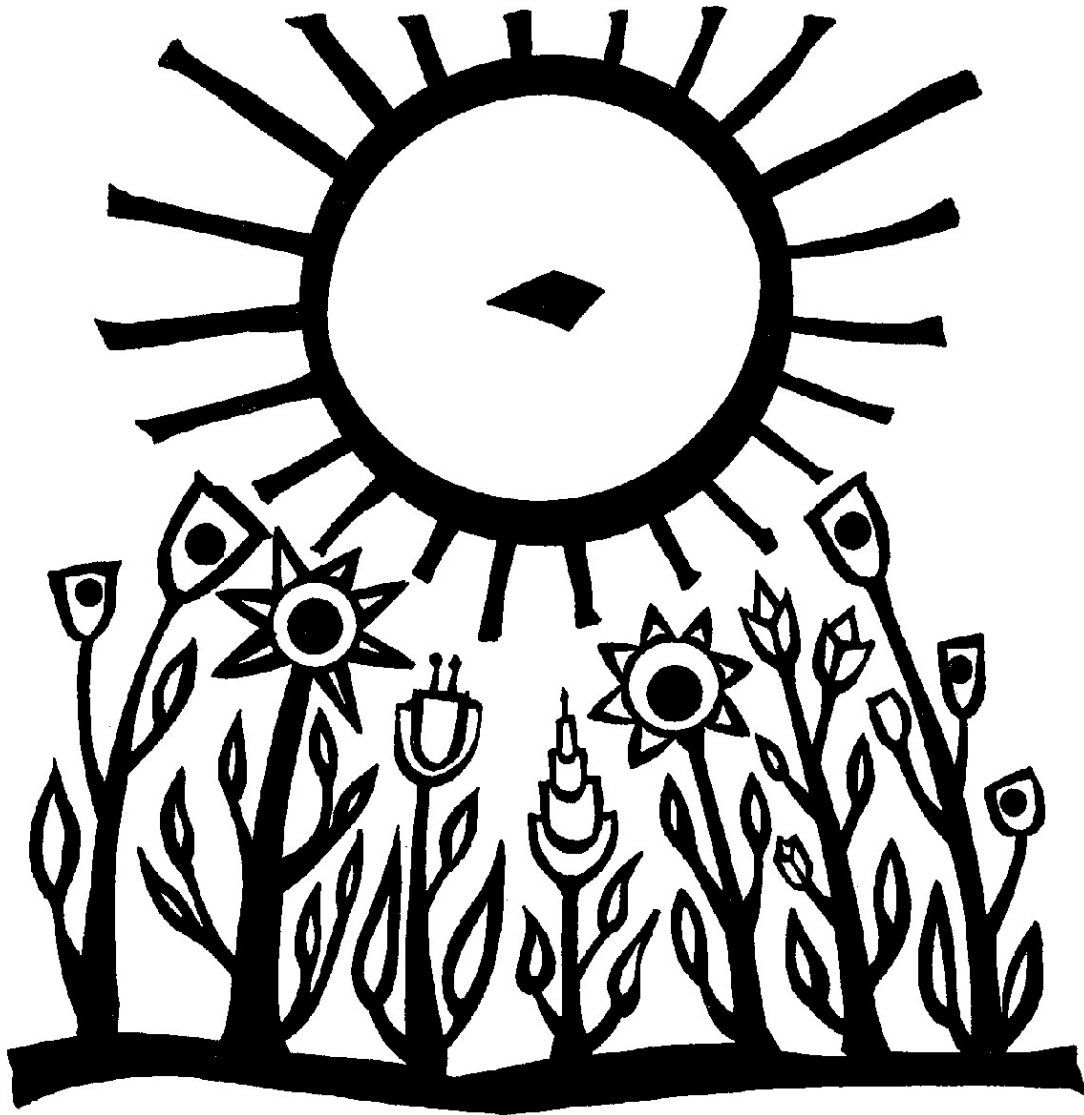


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



7 JULY 2024
The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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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).

7 JULY 2024

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – “How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Donald Johns, John Carter, Cindy Berry

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.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C 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.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 841

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty,
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

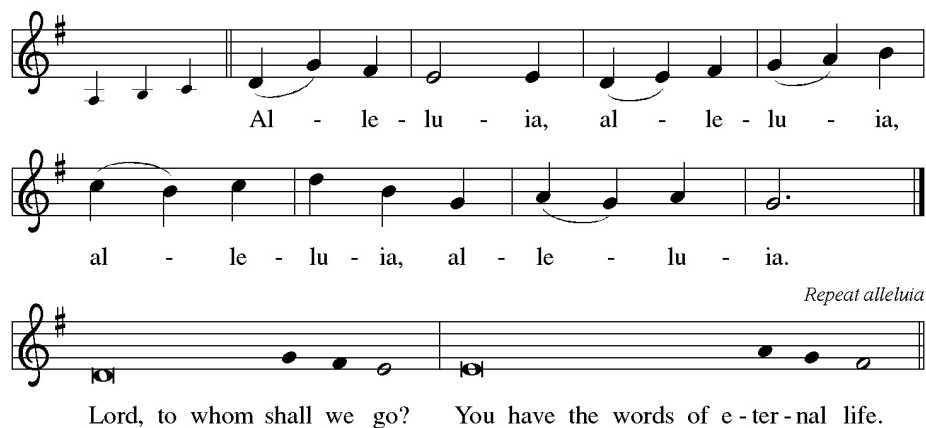
READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹A voice said to me: “O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And when the Lord spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the Lord speaking to me, ³saying, “Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.”

- ☐ The Word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

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.

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

¹Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in

their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.”⁵ And Jesus could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then Jesus went about among the villages teaching.⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts,⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.¹³ They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

- 📖 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

ELW 796

How Firm a Foundation

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

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

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



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

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

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 PRAYERS

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

A One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

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

...in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with 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 – "How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Anna Krentz Organ

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ACS 1092

Thank You, Lord

A musical score for the hymn 'Thank You, Lord'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: '1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, / 2 Been so good, been so good, been so'. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has two staves. The treble staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'Lord, / good, I just want to thank you, Lord. / I just want to thank you, Lord.'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Text: Traditional
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.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- ☐ 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.*

☑ **To you, O Creator of the fruit of the vine, be the glory forever.**

- ☐ 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.**

- ☐ 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.

☑ **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.

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 887

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3
Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957
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God of The Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

1 God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
past; in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
way; lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 may true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine;

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy Word our law, thy paths our chos - en way.
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 all glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Words: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876, alt., P.D.
 Music (NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10): George W. Warren, 1892, P.D.

TABLE BLESSING

- 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.
- Amen.

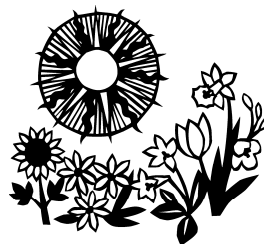
SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- ...now and forever.
- Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
lis - t'ning ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Words and Music: R. Kelso Carter, 1849–1928

U.S.A.
11.11.11.9. and refrain
PROMISES

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the Body of Christ

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Trumpet Tune on "How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Janet Linker

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Julie Ditz

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Vance Meucci

LECTOR – Linda Melaragno

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Linda & Dave Ditz, Linda Graffius

VIDEO STREAMING – John Bartlett



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John D. Mumford, III by mother, Mary and sister, Elizabeth.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John D. Mumford, III by mother, Mary and sister, Elizabeth.

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

This Sunday, being in proximity to Independence Day, we sing several hymns with nationalistic themes. We gather with the words of “*Lift Every Voice and Sing*”, known as the Black National Anthem. These words gather us to not only take pride in “our native land” but also to sing praise to God. Both of our communion hymns call us to pay attention to the ways God has blessed our country—and others in the process. Even our Hymn of the Day, though not explicitly nationalistic, helps us to envision God as our very foundation.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Forum will be held this morning from 9:30-10:15. We will be exploring the worship resources of the ELCA—specifically *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *All Creation Sings*. Join us for this 4 week series this month; July 7, 14, 21 and 28.

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 kenscarrcruise@gmail.com.

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 July 9 and July 23 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 have 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. Please speak with Jan MacInnes this morning if you would like to attend.

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.

– 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
Jenny Hallgren	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters
Connie Haibach & family	Katja Mestrom	Bernadette Mulder	Jim Berger
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry
Andy Zimmerman			
Grief:			
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

July 8 – Psalm 119:81-88; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; II Corinthians 11:16-33

July 9 – Psalm 119:81-88; Jeremiah 16:1-13; James 5:7-12

July 10 – Psalm 119:81-88; Jeremiah 16:14-21; John 7:1-9

July 11 – Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Casino, c. 450 – Proverbs 2:1-9; Psalm 1; Luke 14:27-33 -- *Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.*

July 12 – Nathan Soderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, 1931 – Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 84; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 21:15-17 -- *A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.*

July 13 – Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 4:6-13; Luke 1:57-80

