

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



8 MAY 2022
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 8:15 & 10:30

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

PRELUDE – “The Lord's My Shepherd”

Raymond H. Haan, Searle Wright, Harold Darke

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK – Call Committee

Rob Benacci (8:15 am service)

Tom Klomp (10:30 am service)

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (10:30 am Service)

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.



Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

C We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

P You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.

C Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

P To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

C Amen.

This hymn's text comes from the oldest sequence hymn to survive the Council of Trent, and forms the foundation of Martin Luther's Christ lag in Todesbanden. An early English version was published 1906. The melody is claimed by various composers, but is credited to a blind basket maker on an island in North Wales in the early 19th century.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 369

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!





of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

GREETING

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, And
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain Has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. ... *refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his. ... *refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: ... *to verse 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. ... *refrain*
 gun his reign, Al - le - lu - ia! ... *final refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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.

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

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23 (8:15 am Service) (Sung in alternation.)



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¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

PSALM: Psalm 23 (10:30 am Service)

Refrain: (Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by **R**.)



The Lord is my shep - herd; I shall not be,___ in want.

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul,
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. **R**

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **R**

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life.
Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

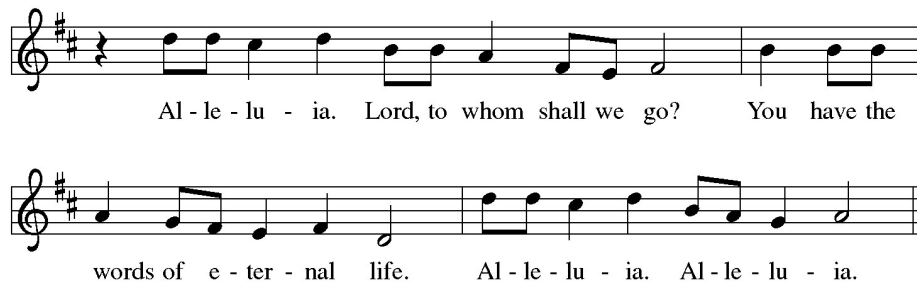
¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lundwall

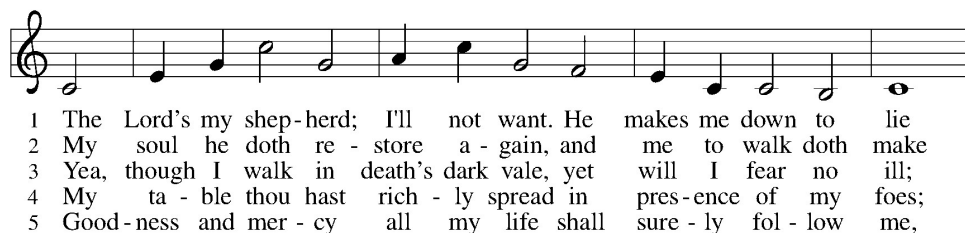
Please stand as you are able.

This version of Psalm 23 is taken from the Scottish Psalter, whose text is drawn from a number of earlier versions. The tune is the work of a Scottish mystical writer, poet and spiritual healer, known as Brother James.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 778

The Lord’s My Shepherd



1 The Lord’s my shep-herd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine who have fled their homeland and for protection and help for those who have remained; for peace and the laying down of weapons; for wisdom and compassion to guide the decisions of all with power over war and peace; and for all your children at risk and in fear. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We give thanks for the women in our lives who have been your loving presence with us. Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Bless the healing ministries of our congregation, including our Parish Nurse, our Care and Health Ministries, our Prayer Group, and our Magic Fingers Grace Group. Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation. Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members, leaders, and the Call Committee to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives, especially Martha Bert Sturtevant. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet those around you in your pew with a word or a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

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

ANTHEM – “Loving Shepherd” (10:30 am Service)

J.S. Bach (arr. Mark Schweizer)

(Barbara Moore, flute)

*Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us, keep us in thy tender care.
And in thy mercy stay beside us, safely thy lambs now gather,
Bring us in faith together, and thy pastures now prepare.*

*And when I walk with darkness around me, Thou art near and I will fear no ill.
So with thy love and kindness surround me, goodness and mercy bringing,
From living water springing, Lord of Love grant me thy comfort still.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

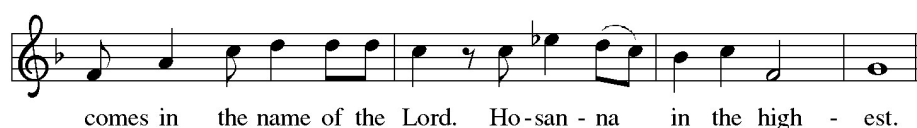
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

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

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

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

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people,
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

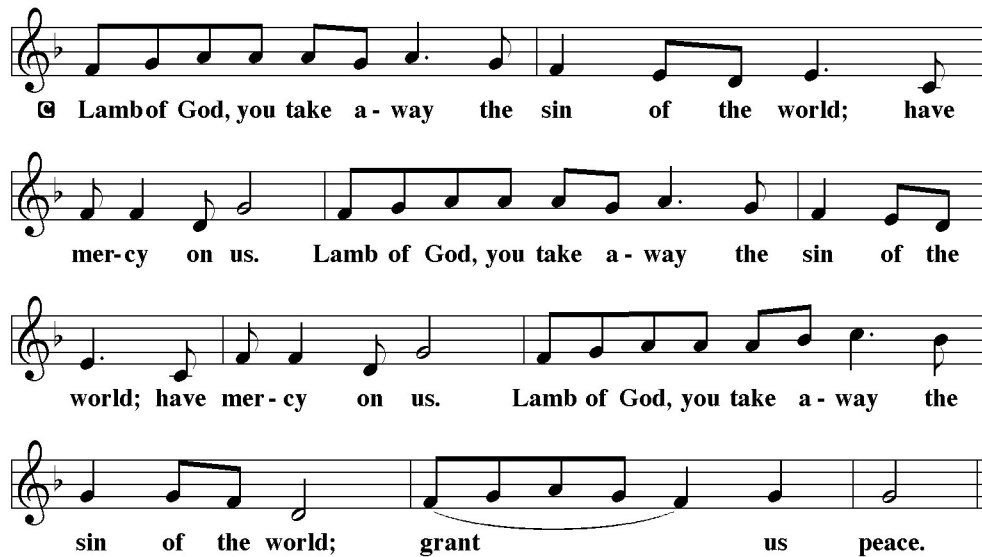
Through him all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ 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. *Matthew 6:9***

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.
- C** Amen.
- P** Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(10:30 am Service)

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread. Lutheran Book of Worship

COMMUNION

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

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing.

Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.

Take a cup and then return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.

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

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

BLESSING

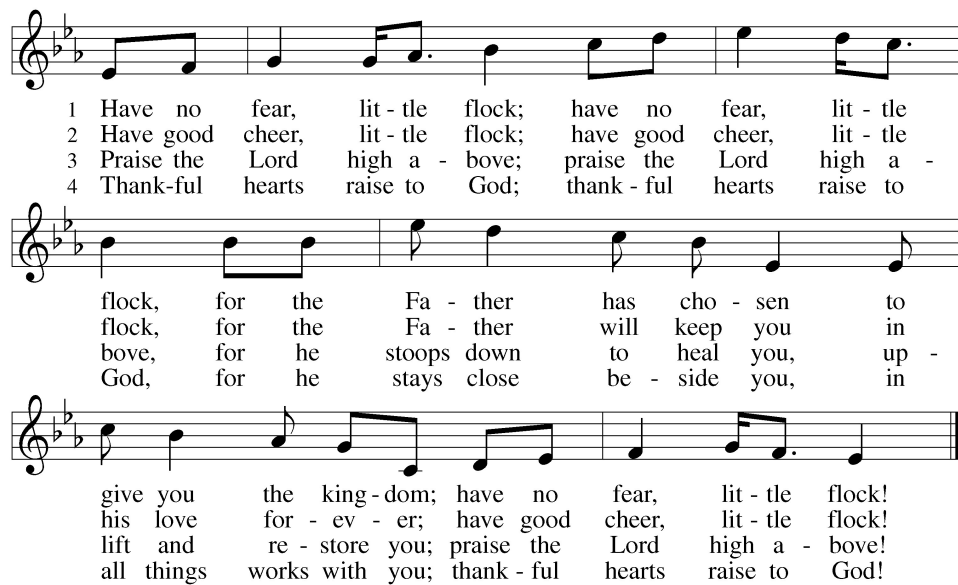
- P** God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
‡ bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen!

This hymn text's author worked for years as a dental secretary in Detroit, but she is also the author of two hymn collections. The tune was composed by a prolific German who set all the author's hymns to music.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 764

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit-tle flock; have no fear, lit-tle
2 Have good cheer, lit-tle flock; have good cheer, lit-tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank-ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1: Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Piet Post

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

PREACHING – Pastor Karen Lundwall
GREETERS – Roberta Lobaugh (8:15 am)
Cathy Beck, Ann Flick, Pat Young (10:30 am)
ACOLYTES – Jack & Tessa Bartlett (10:30 am)
ASSISTING MINISTERS – Rob Benacci (8:15 am)
Dave Griswold (10:30 am)
LECTOR – Mike Daniels (10:30 am)
FLUTIST – Barb Moore (10:30 am)
ALTAR GUILD – Nancy Benacci (8:15 am)
Sharon Burke (10:30 am)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our mother, Martha Bert Sturtevant, by her children, Susan, Roger, Bob and Dave.

Welcome to our Visitors!

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! If you have any questions about our congregation or its ministries, please call the church office at 814-454-0106. We are glad to help you in any way we can. Please worship with us again soon!

Happy Mother's Day

We wish a very happy Mother's Day to all the moms and grandmothers, and to all those who nurture and care for us in so many ways!

Today's Events

Luther Memorial Church's 10th grade students prepare for their confirmation and gather for classes each Sunday through May 22 from 11:30am – 1:00pm. These youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on June 5, 2022.

Worship

The Prelude brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

Call Committee

The Call Committee, with prayerful help from God, has completed the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which will be shared with church council at their Tuesday, May 10 meeting. Upon council's agreement, the MSP will be sent to Bishop Lozano for review and final approval. Following Bishop Lozano's approval he will post the MSP for review by potential candidates. He will then recommend a candidate to be interviewed by the Call Committee and Church Council. Please continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers as we seek the one that God has chosen to be our next pastor.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Our final Children's Church will be held on May 22; classes will resume in September. Our class schedule is as follows:

Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (May 8)
LYO – third Sunday of the month (May 15)
Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (May 22)

Prayer Requests

The Prayer Partners group of Luther Memorial Church, consisting of 13 members, has been faithfully praying for many people for several years. The prayer list consistently has 100+ names on it and this is becoming cumbersome for the bulletin. We understand that it is difficult at times to remove a name off the list, resulting in some names being on the list for as long as 5 years. We don't want to remove their names, unless you inform us. So starting in May we will be splitting the list to a **LONG TERM** list (people who have been on for more than 1 year) and a **SHORT TERM** list (1 year or less). If someone on the short term list needs to be on indefinitely, i.e. for cancer treatment, please let Linda Graffius or Norma (in the church office) know.

- The short term list will be in the bulletin each Sunday;
- The long term list will be available at the welcome table on Sunday mornings;
- If you would like the long term list emailed, please contact Norma;
- The long term list will also be printed in the newsletter quarterly;
- Our military men and women will be listed on the long term list.

We will no longer be emailing or calling for updates as this has become difficult to do with so many people on our list. Therefore, if you have someone on the list and a change needs to be made, **you** need to contact Linda or Norma by email or by phone during our work hours.

We will continue to have the Private List option available. The names on this list are only available to the prayer group and Norma. The Grief list will continue to be in the bulletin each week.

We will closely monitor this for several months to determine if it is working. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Linda or Norma. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Lift your spirits, add some beautiful spring colors to your projects and join us on May 10 and May 24. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Supporting our Youth

Delicious fundraisers keep popping up to help offset the church cost of Confirmation Camp for our youth. We invite you to stop by the youth table in the parlor area and see what's new. Dips from Gourmet Creations and Cookie Cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe are still available.

Outreach Opportunity

Bethany Outreach Center could use some extra help on Wednesdays. We are in-process of creating a team of 3-9 volunteers to handle the jobs described below. Then we will create a schedule for which team members will serve each week, based upon their availability.

The 3 weekly jobs for which we need volunteers are described below:

1. Food Pickup, Delivery, and Food Distribution Setup (7:45-9:30am)
2. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Setup (8:00-9:30am)
3. Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Takedown (10:30-11:30am)

Notes: Each of these volunteers need to be able to handle steps and lifting while carrying items such as tables, boxes or bags of food, and bins of clothes. For Job #1 your vehicle must be able to hold 2-3 medium size bins, such as a SUV or car with a large trunk.

If you are interested, please contact Eric Hedlund via email at eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org or by phone at 814-722-7732. He will provide you with a detailed description of each of the jobs and if you wish to be on the team, he will take your information and put you in the schedule for the job and date(s) you wish. As dates are filled in Eric will distribute the updated schedule to all team members via email.

Support for Ukraine

To offer support to people in Ukraine donations may be made to the following organizations:

- Lutheran Disaster Response at www.ldr.org or call 800-638-3522
- Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at www.lirs.org

If you would prefer to place your donation in the offering this morning, please mark it Ukraine and we will send all donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. Masking recommendations will be revisited monthly and changes made if community numbers increase. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency 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 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

