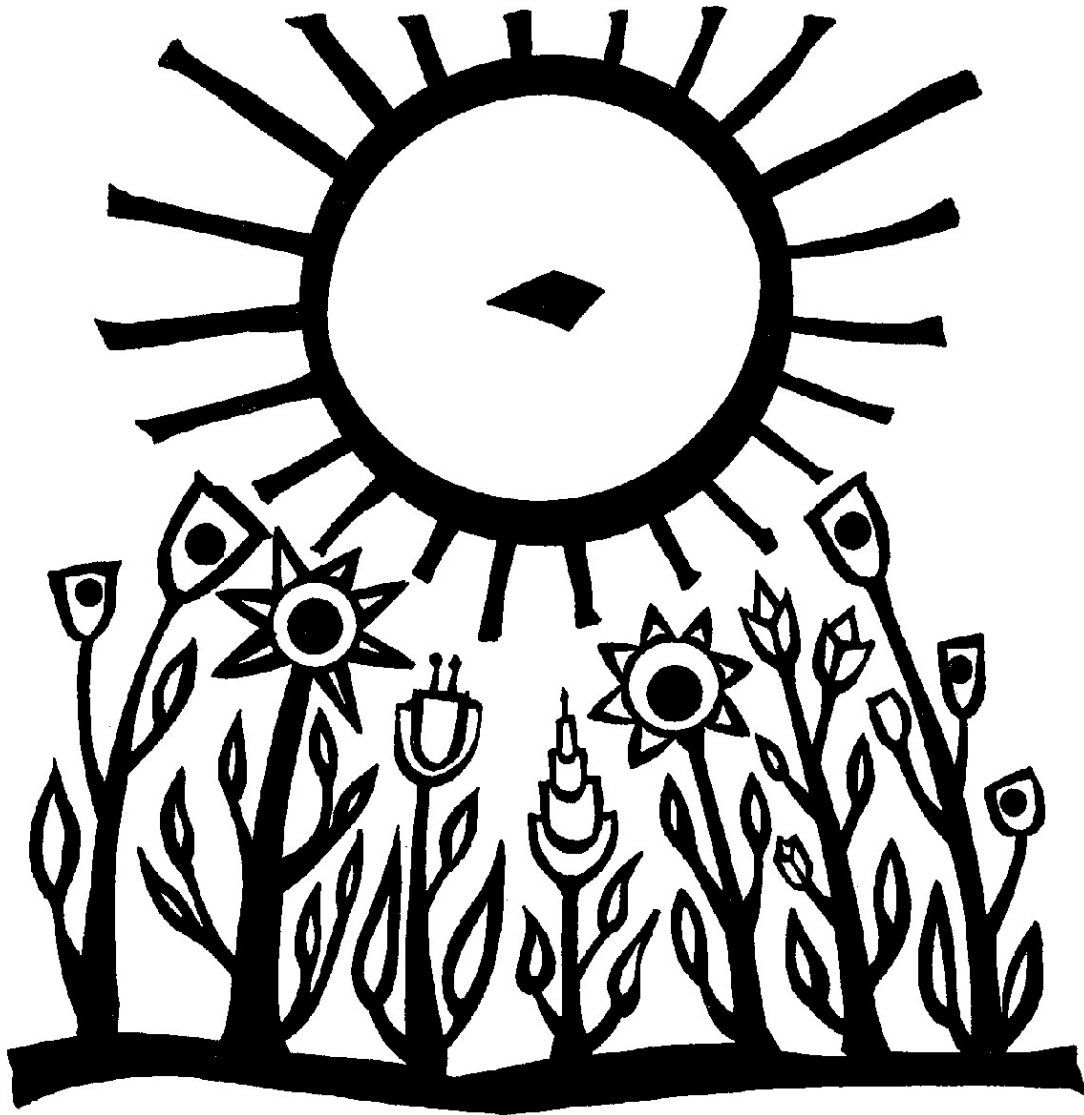


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



11 AUGUST 2024
The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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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).

11 AUGUST 2024

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – "Toccata & Fugue in G Minor"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Please stand as you are able.

As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
 Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932
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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

P Let us pray.

God of daily bread and living bread, we are hungry! We're hungry to feast on what we've only tasted: Perfect justice. Perfect mercy. Eternal and abundant life. Satisfy our hunger, Bread of Life, and sharpen our appetite for the things which you desire. Fill this world with your life.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

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

READING: I Kings 19:4-8

⁴Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶Elijah looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸Elijah got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-8

Taste and See

Refrain – All

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The piano accompaniment continues with the same accompaniment.

*I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. **R***

*Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
for all my troubles I was set free. **R***

*Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. **R***

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to the crowd, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” ⁴¹Then the Judeans began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; this one has seen the Father. ⁴⁷“Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G 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 488

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;

Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- P** Siblings in Christ, God, who is rich in mercy and love, give us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Please be seated. The candidate for baptism is presented:

- R** I present **Rylee Jane Noble** to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parent(s):

- P** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Rylee Jane baptized into Christ?

R *I do.*

- P** As you bring Rylee to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Rylee grow in the Christian faith and life?

R *I do.*

Please stand as you are able. The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

P People of God, do you promise to support Rylee and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the parent(s) and sponsor(s) of the child.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? Do you renounce the power of this world that rebel against God? Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R *I renounce them.*

The presiding minister addresses the parent(s) and sponsor(s) and the congregation.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, Holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the River of Life, you are the Everlasting Wellspring, you are the Fire of Rebirth!

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. You waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the Fountain of Resurrection!

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away. The Samaritan will never be thirsty again and the Ethiopian official is drawn into your Church.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the waters of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes the child. Water is poured on her head, as the presiding minister says:

P Rylee Jane, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on her head a second time:

P and of the Son,

Water is poured on her head a third time:

P and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The presiding minister continues:

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P Sustain **Rylee Jane** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Chrism` prepared for this purpose is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P Rylee Jane, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor of the baptized as the pastor says:

P Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the congregation. The pastor leads the congregation in the welcome.

P Let us welcome Rylee, our newest sibling in Christ!

**C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

The congregation offers acclamation with applause.

During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is sprinkled with water in remembrance of their baptisms.

Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

- ☐ Dear friends, we have given thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

INTRODUCTION

Les Fobes, President of the Congregation, introduces those who come as new members:

Susan Forsythe
 Paula, Tyler and Rylee Noble

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

- ☐ In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

- P** Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?
- R** *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*
- P** People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?
- C** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

WELCOME

- P** Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.
- C** **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The assembly welcomes the new members with applause.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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

- A** Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.
- A** Holy God, send your Spirit upon your Church that, feasting on Jesus the Bread of Life, we may be strengthened for service in his name. Merciful God,
- C** **Receive our prayer.**
- A** Holy God, all of creation is your crowning glory, and your justice flows down like waters. Fill the earth with your goodness, mercy, and peace that we may share in your abundance and work for your righteousness. Merciful God,
- C** **Receive our prayer.**
- A** Holy God, grant your wholeness to all who cry out to you, especially those we hold most dear whose names and needs are known to you. Bring your comfort and your peace. Sustain all healthcare workers. Merciful God,
- C** **Receive our prayer.**
- A** Holy One, we give you thanks for your promises of life everlasting given to us in baptism. We thank you for Rylee Jane, one with us now in the Body of Christ and who will join us at your Table of Plenty. Sustain us in our baptisms until we come with Cecilia to the Feast that has no end. Merciful God,
- C** **Receive our prayer.**
- A** Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers trusting in the mercy and grace of the Crucified-Risen One, Jesus the Bread of Life.
- 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 – "Build a Longer Table" Noël nouvelet

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

ACS 1092

Thank You, Lord

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

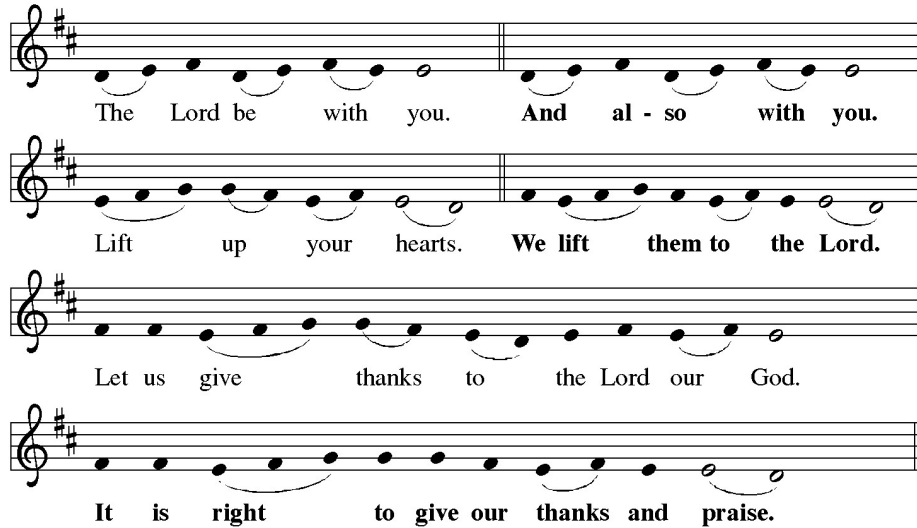
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray:
- C** **God of the Feast,**
we bless you for we have called upon you
and you have answered us,
offering your very self as food enough.
In this meal,
may we taste and see your goodness
that through us the world may know your love.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

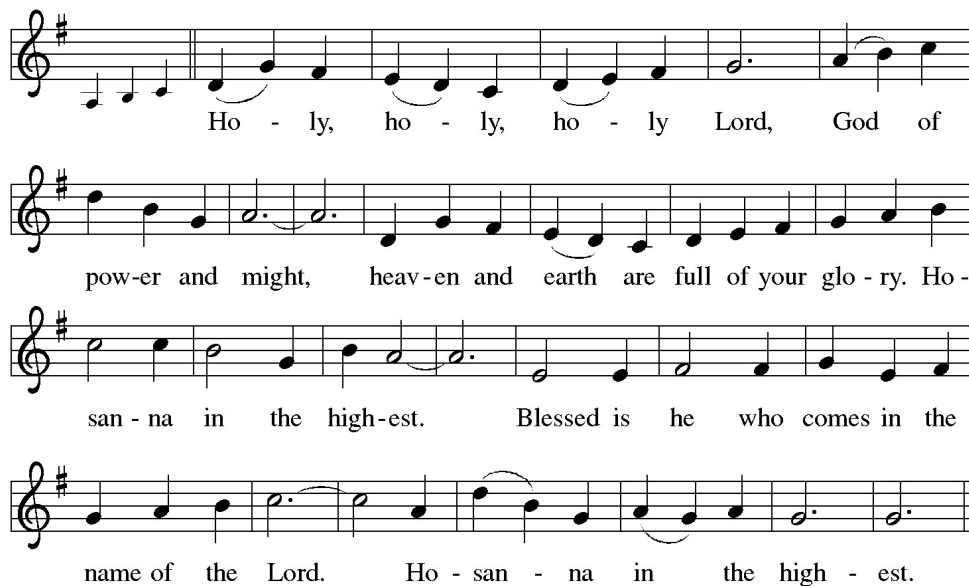


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☐ Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath. Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

*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.*

*In the same way, 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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we praise the mystery of faith:

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; upon Rylee; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

☑ **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

The congregation is seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

*Baked bread is being used. For those who so desire, gluten-free wafers are available;
please let the pastor know.*

Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.

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

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 485

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
I am the life. . . . If you be -
you are the Christ, the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son of . . . God, who have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain

All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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I Come with Joy

ELW 482

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
 Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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TABLE BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

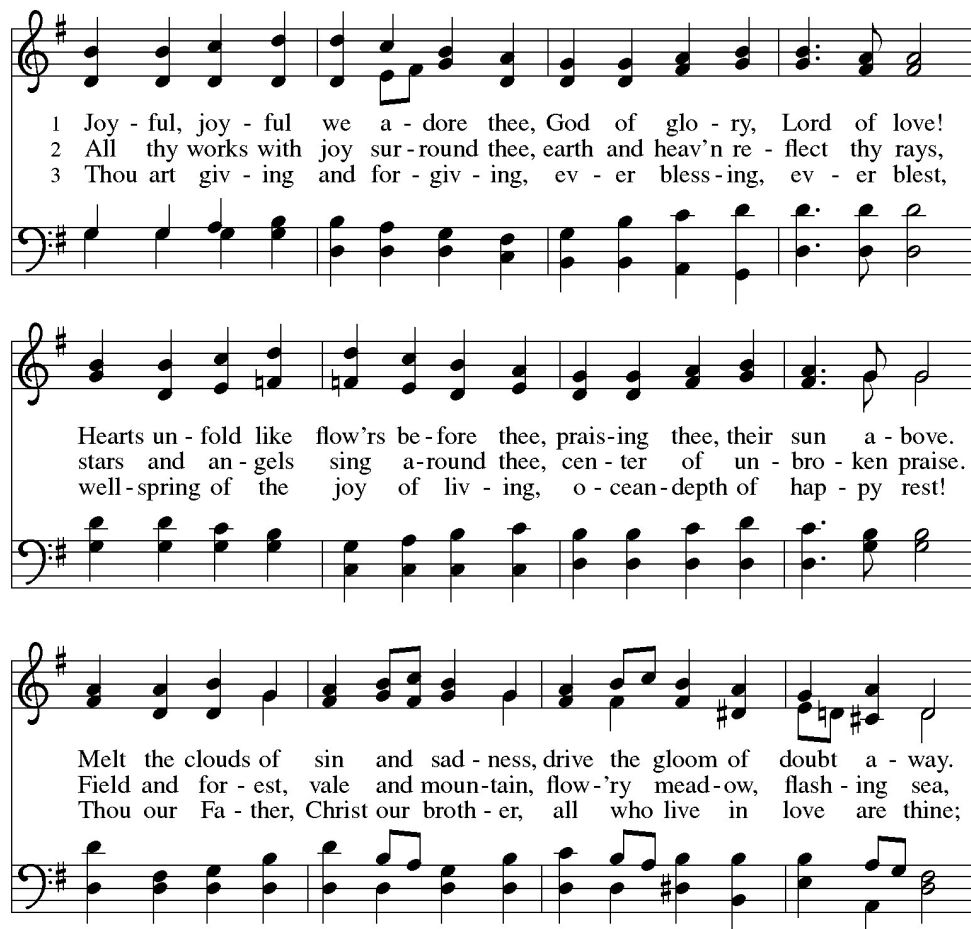
P ...now and forever.

C Amen.

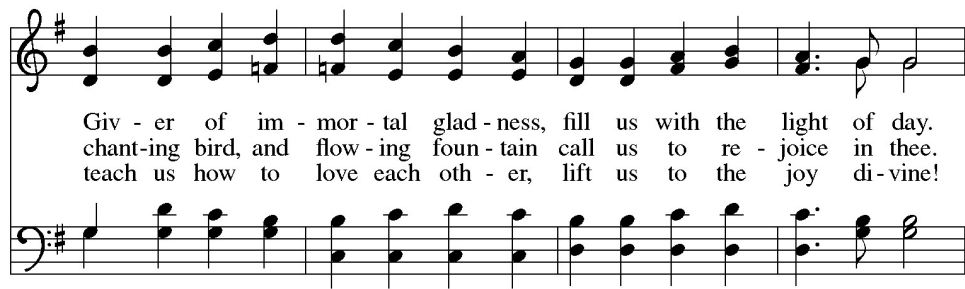
SENDING HYMN

ELW 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove,
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise,
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE – "Trumpet Tune in D Major"

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Barb Dennison

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Stan Rose

LECTOR – Diane Banks

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS – Cathy Beck, Sue Cappelletty, Linda Graffius, Betty Pletz

VIDEO STREAMING – Sarah Prylinski



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Cecilia Chesley by Janet Hammond.

Flowers at the Font are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Rylee's Baptism and First Communion.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our new members: Susan, Tyler, Paula, and Rylee.

Rylee Jane Noble will be welcomed into the fellowship of Luther Memorial through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 10:30 service this morning. Rylee is the daughter of Paula and Tyler Noble and is a third grade student at Luther Memorial Academy.

A **joyous welcome** is extended to those who will be received as new members this morning during the 10:30 service:

❖ **Susan Forsythe**

❖ **Paula, Tyler and Rylee Noble**

All are invited to join us in the parlor for light refreshments following the 10:30 service to greet our newest members.

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

Today's Events

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay will be on vacation from August 15-26. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the church office. Pastor Karen Lundwall will be our guest preacher and presider on Sunday, August 18.

Worship Matters

Why am I getting wet? We gather around Water and Word, visible signs of God's love for Rylee this morning. Every time that we gather around a person being baptized, every time we come for confession and forgiveness, every time we give thanks for God's gift of baptism, every time we confess our faith, we are called to remember our own baptisms. In the Water of Life, our old selves were put to death with Christ and our new selves were brought to new life with his resurrection. Luther himself encourages us to begin every morning, when we wash our faces, to make the sign of the cross upon our brow as a reminder of baptism and the cross that has been marked on each of our brows with oil...just as God has done this morning for Rylee. As a tangible reminder of those promises, we participate in what is known as *asperges*. Literally: sprinkling. We are sprinkled with water from the font and reminded of the refreshing and life given waters that cover us. As part of our celebration with Rylee, our newest sibling in Christ, she will be part of the sprinkling. Give thanks this morning with her! You are encouraged to make the sign of the cross when the water reaches you.

Worship

Blessing of the Backpacks for our school bound students and teachers will be offered during worship services on Sunday, September 1. We would like to send you off with lots of prayer and many blessings. Bring your backpack and get a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year.

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.

Adult Faith Formation

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

Christian Education

Sunday School for Pre-K-Grade 5 will gather the second Sunday of each month beginning September 8.

Confirmation orientation for youth in grades 6-12 and their families will be held Sunday, September 8 from 11:30am-12:30pm in the library. A light breakfast will be provided. Classes for 10th grade youth will begin September 15 and continue each Sunday through October 20.

Second Sunday Salons Adult Forum will gather the second Sunday of each month to discuss various topics beginning October 13 from 9:15-10:30am in the parlor.

Brown Bag Bible will gather each Wednesday in the parlor beginning September 11 at 12:00 noon for Bible Study and discussion. You are invited to bring lunch for yourself. Our first topic; *How Did THAT Get in My Bible?!*

B.A.D. (Bible After Dark) gathers at the Brewererie the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. 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.

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, will meet the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our first gathering will be Monday, September 9 beginning with the book, *The Other Side of the Wall*.

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; August 13 and August 27 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Great Deals

Indoor Yard Sale will be held Saturday, September 14 from 8:00am – 12:00pm in our fellowship hall. Items for the sale may be dropped off beginning August 18. Books, TV’s or large electronic items and soft furniture will not be accepted. Pop in and catch the great deals! Proceeds will benefit Christian Education and LYO.

Luther Memorial Academy

LMA would like to invite our church and school families to a **Back to School Picnic** on Tuesday, August 13 at Presque Isle’s Rotary Pavilion beginning at 5:30pm. Bring your beach gear along, too. A delicious picnic meal will be provided along with fun and games.

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

Community Support

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

Items to Note

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

– PRAYER LIST –

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

CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group
Erie Gives Day 5:30pm LMA Back to School Picnic/Rotary Pavilion

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 4:30pm Julia Hospice
6:30pm Worship & Music

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 3:00pm Property Committee

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024 **THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Naimbi Mercado
	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Vance Meucci
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	<i>(I needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	Beth Keller
Counters	10:30am	Rob Cooney, Pat Young
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	Diane & Bob Banks, Linda Graffius

Readings and Commemorations This Week

August 11 – Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, 1253 – Song of Solomon 2:10-13; Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 12:32-37 -- *A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.*

August 12 – Psalm 81; I Kings 17:1-16; Ephesians 5:1-14

August 13 – Florence Nightengale, 1910; Clara Maass, 1901; renewers of society – Isaiah 58:6-11; Psalm 73:23-29; Matthew 25:31-46 -- *Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.*

August 14 – Maximilian Kolbe, 1941; Kaj Munk, 1944; martyrs – Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 116:10-17; John 15:12-16 -- *Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.*

August 15 – THE EVER-BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THEOTOKOS – Judith 13:18-20; Luke 1:46-55; Revelation 21:1-7; Luke 1:26-38 -- *The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.*

August 16 – Psalm 34:9-14; Job 12:1-25; Romans 16:17-20

August 17 – Psalm 34:9-14; Job 13:1-19; John 4:7-26



ERIE GIVES DAY 2024

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A NON-PROFIT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 8:00AM – 8:00PM
12 HOURS OF GIVING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

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

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



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We will send you a digital receipt for your records.

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Please list how you wish to be identified: _____

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