

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



12 MAY 2024
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
10:30 am

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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12 MAY 2024

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion • LBW – Setting I • 10:30

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

SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY & FRIENDS PRELUDE

Trio Sonata in F Major

Andante

Allegro

Largo - Adagio

Allegro

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681 - 1767)

Trio Sonata Opus 11, No. 3 in D Major

Theme & Variations - Adagio

Presto

Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809)

Barb Moore - flute

Susan Forsythe & Linda Melaragno - violin

Jonathan Gaber - cello

Walt Gaber - piano

Please stand as you are able and face the font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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 wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism...Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John...now and forever.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!


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GREETING


- ☐ Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!
- ☑ **The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!**
- ☐ The grace of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, the love of the ever-living God,
and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain



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




<i>High Voices</i>	1.	Wor - thy	is	Christ, the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	Whose			
<i>Low Voices</i>	2.	Pow -	er,	rich - es,	wis -	dom	and	strength,	And			
<i>High Voices</i>	3.	Sing	with	all the	peo -	ple	of	God,	And			
<i>High Voices</i>	4.	Bless	-	ing,	hon -	or,	glo -	ry,	and	might	Be	to
<i>Low Voices</i>	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



All 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

P Let us pray:

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Please be seated.

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

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. ²¹“So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

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



The Lord knows the way of the righ - teous.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. **R**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that God has testified to the Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made God a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning the Son.

¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in the Son of God. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the gospel.

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.

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are

yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. “Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

- ☐ 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 664

Heaven Is Singing for Joy
El cielo canta alegría



El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!
 1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,



por - que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.
 for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.
 for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.
 for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.

Refrain / Estribillo



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martha Bert Sturtevant and Paul Gustafson. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be 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 mission of the church. Our offerings at Luther Memorial support our ministries as well as those of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Online giving may be done via our website: LutherMemorialOnline.org and using the “contribute online” button at the bottom of the page.

ANTHEM – “Kyng of Glory and Exaltation”

Carlton Russell

(From Thomas Cranmer's (1489-1556) collect for the Sunday after Ascension.)

*O God, the kyng of glory, which hast exalted thine only sonne Jesus Christe,
With great triumphe unto thy kingdom in heauen;
We beseche thee, leaue us not comfortles;
But sende to us thine holy ghost to comfort us and exalte us unto the same place
Whither our sauour Christe is gone before;
Who lyueth and reigneth with Thee.
And the same Holy Ghost. One God, world without end. Amen*

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
 pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
 sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
 stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
 wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Risen One,...through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- C** Amen.

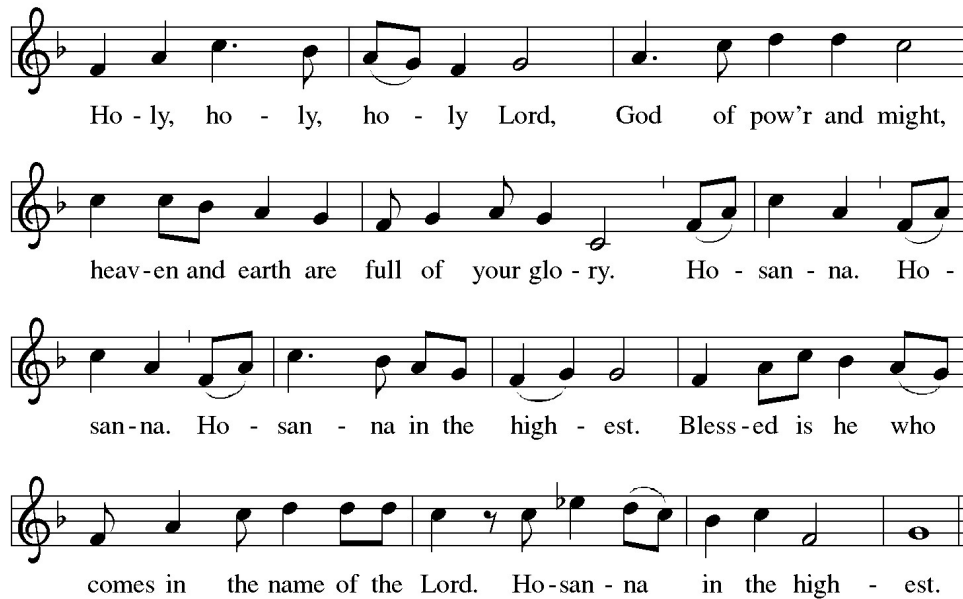
GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

SANCTUS



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ All praise to you, glorious God of grace. Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith. With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life. With Ruth, we praise you for family and food. With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe. Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets. Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water. Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people. One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.
- ☐ With Mary, your servant, we magnify your name:
- ☑ **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**
- ☐ Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal. Living, he healed the bleeding woman; dying, he cared for his mother; risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

*On the night before he died,
he took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

- ☐ With Mary, your mother, again we magnify your name:
- ☑ **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**
- ☐ Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us. Send your Spirit on this bread and wine, that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world. Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe, we serve one another with zeal. Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

☐ With Mary, chief of your saints, once more we magnify your name:

☑ **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

☐ All praise to you, powerful God of peace. We adore you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you who mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

THE 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us!

☑ **Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

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

Please be seated.

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.*

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of

morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
 me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and

breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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Faith of Our Mothers

1. Faith of our moth - ers, liv - ing still, through gifts de - rid - ed,
 2. Faith of our sis - ters, serv - ing still, with towel and ba - sin,
 3. Faith of our daugh - ters, hop - ing still, ven - tur - ing path - ways
 4. Faith of our fam - 'lies, grow - ing still, var - ied in gen - der,

calls de - nied, striv - ing un - daunt - ed through the years,
 cup and bread, tend - ing earth's needs with pa - tient care,
 yet un - trod, part - ners in wit - ness to the world,
 class, and race, patch-work of pat - terns, shapes, and hues,

till bolt - ed doors have o - pened wide; faith of our moth - ers,
 till hurts are healed and hun - gers fed: faith of our sis - ters'
 seek - ing a liv - ing, mov - ing God: faith of our daugh - ters,
 vast as the man - tle of God's grace: faith of our fam - 'lies,

firm and strong; voic-es long si-lenced rise in song!
 art and skill, lov-ing with heart and mind and will.
 bold and true, rest-less till Christ makes all things new.
 grow-ing faith, we hon-or you in life and death.

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TABLE BLESSING

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.

☑ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

2 Day of de-light and beau-ty un-bound-ed, tell the news, the gos-pel
 spread! Day of all won-der, day of all splen-dor, praise Christ
 ris-en from the dead! Sing now of mourn-ing turned in-to
 danc-ing; sing now the mys-t'ry, hope of our glo-ry;
 sing with thanks-giv-ing, al-le-lu-ia! Sing now of
 fast-ing turned in-to feast-ing; sing the Lord's fa-vor
 last-ing for-ev-er; sing, all things liv-ing, al-le-lu-ia!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Shepherding God,...Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P ... † bless you now and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 826

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!
C **The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!**
A Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Alleluia!
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE – “Versett in C Minor”

Paolo Benedetto Bellinzani

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— SERVING TODAY —

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer
ASSISTING MINISTER – Kate Martin
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Mary Daniels
LECTORS – Kelley & Amelia Lang
ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp
BREAD BAKER – Cathie Dugan
USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Linda Ditz, Carl Moore
VIDEO STREAMING – Sarah Prylinski



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.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Paul Gustafson who died Sunday, May 5, 2024. Our prayers are with his wife, Lynnette, and their families.

We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates. Please contact Norma in our church office by phone, 454-0106, ext. 221, or email, nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, by Friday, May 24 with the following:

For our high school graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. High school they are graduating from
3. Future plans, college, service, etc.

For our college graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. College they are graduating from
3. Degree

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

Well, we have come to the end of our Easter rejoicing...or have we? Easter is 50 days! We celebrate for 7 weeks “of Easter,” but Easter lasts through the Day of Pentecost. You see, Pentecost is the fulfillment of the resurrection. It is when the very Spirit of the risen Christ is poured out on the Church empowering us to continue the work of the apostles to proclaim what the Resurrection means for the world. So, while we will seemingly switch gears next week with new colors and new refrains of rejoicing, it is the culmination of Easter. And at home, let us keep the strains of “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” going through next Sunday!

This week’s Eucharistic Prayer was composed by liturgical scholar Gail Ramshaw in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the ELCA. It cites many of the women throughout the Bible who worked and served and shared among the people of God. You are invited in your devotions this week to look up some of these women and their amazing stories that we rarely hear in worship together.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay is happy to meet with you anytime, just let him know! However, if you would like to just “drop in” on him, this week you can find him at the Tippy Bean (2425 Peach) on Monday from 8:00-9:00am. Any other time, just give him a call or send him an email!

Pastor Jay will be out of the office for Continuing Education with Michelle Thom on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Christian Education

Sunday School and LYO will gather for their final class on Sunday, May 19 from 9:30 – 10:15am. This will be our final class until Sunday School begins again in September.

Family Vacation Bible School – four wonderful evenings for children, youth, and adults will be held on Wednesdays May 22, May 29, June 5 and June 12. We will dive into an amazing undersea adventure with **SCUBA** and discover what living water is really all about. Our evenings together will be from 5:30-7:00pm and begin with a potluck meal (main dish provided; please bring a dish to share), followed by a Bible message, craft, music and some great activities, too.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group invites you to spend the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month with them for knitting, crocheting and any yarn project you may be creating. These are wonderful mornings of fellowship and laughter. Join us May 14 and May 28 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 will head to the Penn State Planetarium on Wednesday, May 22 for a presentation by Jim Gavio on astronomy and our amazing universe. The presentation begins at 11:00am; carpooling is available by meeting at the church between 9:45 and 10:00am. Cost is \$3.50/person and permits will be provided for free parking on campus. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Wednesday, May 15.

Support for our Youth

Your taste buds will thank you for dining at the Texas Roadhouse, 7475 Peach Street, on Tuesday, May 14. Stop in between 3:00 and 8:00pm and enjoy a delicious meal. Present your coupon, found at the welcome tables, and 10% of your bill will go to supporting our youth for their travel to the National Youth Gathering in July.

Car wash will be held Sunday, May 19 following worship services; 9:00am and 11:30am. Our youth will be armed with buckets of suds to give your car a sparkling shine.

The Salt Spa, 101 Center Street in Corry, is offering **salt room** and **floatation therapy** sessions through June 1. A 45 minute session in the salt room is \$30. A 16 minute floatation therapy session is \$65. Our LYO will receive \$10 for each session booked. Sign-up sheets are located at the welcome tables and the church office; you will be contacted to arrange your visit.

Youth Event

Willy Wonka Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, May 17 from 5:30 – 9:00pm for youth in grades 5 and up. Join us for more fun and lots of chocolate! Please RSVP to Beth Keller or the church office.

Health Opportunity

CPR Training will be offered at Luther Memorial Church on **Thursday, May 23**. The class is free and will be held in the parlor from 3:00-4:00pm. All those participating in the class will receive a CPR Certificate. If interested, please contact the church office or list your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet located at the welcome tables.

Bethany Outreach Center

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

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

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

Items to Note

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.

Readings and Commemorations This Week

May 13 – Psalm 115; Exodus 28:29-38; Philippians 1:3-11

May 14 – **Matthias, Apostle** – Isaiah 66:1-2; Psalm 56; Acts 1:15-26; Luke 6:12-18 -- *Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.*

May 15 – Psalm 115; Ezra 9:5-15; John 16:16-24

May 16 – Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 2:4b-7; I Corinthians 15:42b-49

May 17 – Psalm 33:12-22; Job 37:1-13; I Corinthians 15:50-57

May 18 – **Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, 1160** – Micah 6:6-8; Psalm 9:1-10; I Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 8:34-38 -- *Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.*

CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 13

TUESDAY, MAY 14 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group
 6:00pm Church Council
 3:00-8:00pm Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser for Youth

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 6:30pm Worship & Music

THURSDAY, MAY 16 5:30pm Handbells
 6:30pm Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 17 5:30pm Youth Movie Night

SATURDAY, MAY 18 10:00am Baby Shower
 10:00am Quilt Gathering

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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

Sunday School will begin at 9:30am.

Youth will gather at 9:30am.

Car wash will be held at 9:00 and 11:30am.

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Michael Snider
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	Lois Smith
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Pam Masiroff
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	<i>(1 needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Jeff Swanson
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Phil McAfee	Cathy Beck & Jim
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	
Friends and Family:			
Kate Collins & family	Lily	Marlo	Amy Roschy
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Russ Wiest
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Curtis Krick	Thomas Cocis	Jonah Allgeier
Jenny Hallgren	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters
Katja Mestrom	Stephanie Voland		
Grief:			
Paul Gustafson family			
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

From Cheryl Brown to all who mother:

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

by Mary Rita Schilke Sill ©1980

When you thought I wasn't looking
you hung my first painting on the refrigerator
and I wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn't looking
you fed a stray cat
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking
you baked a birthday cake just for me
and I knew that little things were special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking
you said a prayer
and I believed there was a God that I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking
you kissed me goodnight
and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I saw tears come from your eyes
and I learned that sometimes things hurt
but that it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking
you smiled
and it made me want to look that pretty too.

When you thought I wasn't looking
you cared
and I wanted to be everything I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I looked
and I wanted to say thanks
for all the things you did
when you thought I wasn't looking.