Welcome to

Luther Memorial Church

of the Erie Lutheran Parish



17 JULY 2022 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Four • 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 - "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

Benjamin Culli, Michael Burkhardt, J. G. Walther, J. S. Bach

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

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- whose steadfast love endures forever.
- **G** Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

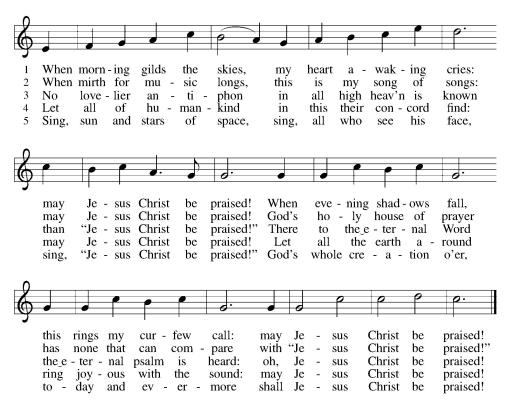
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.
 Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.
 When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life.
 Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.
 Amen.
- P Hear the good news!
 God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
 In the name of ⊕ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 You are free to love as God loves.
- Amen.

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 853

When Morning Gilds the Skies



Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

GREETING

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

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** Let us pray.
- **E** Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15 (Sung responsively.)



¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,

who speak the truth | from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

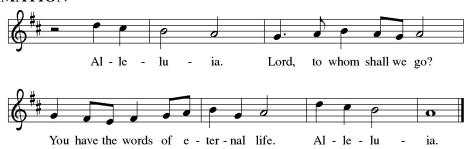
²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

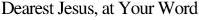
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SERMON Pastor Moran

Please stand as you are able.

This hymn-text is the work of a Thuringian scholar who served as a chaplain during the Thirty Years' War, including preaching at the accession of Queen Christina by the Swedish throne. The tune is the work of a 17th century Lutheran cantor who was among those instrumental in bringing to the church a new style reflecting Italian opera. The melody was used several times in organ works by J. S. Bach.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 520





Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

APOSTLES' CREED

- **A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS 1 Timothy 2:1

- ⚠ United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. *A brief silence*.
- A Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation. God of grace,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- A Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- A Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers, especially those at Luther Memorial. God of grace,
- **@** hear our prayer.
- A In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire us at Luther Memorial to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace,
- **G** 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 of grace,
- **G** hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table, especially Frank Alvaro. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. God of grace,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- P God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.

MEAL - "God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ."

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

"Jesus said, truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

(Rose-Marie Rose, soloist)

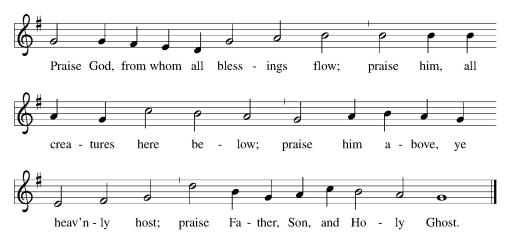
Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

For He hath prepared for them a city, whose builder and maker is God. Eye hath not seen the things prepared for them that love Him.

There remaineth, therefore, a rest for the people of God, therefore fear lest any come short of it.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY ELW 884



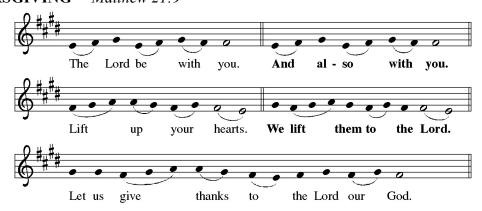
Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

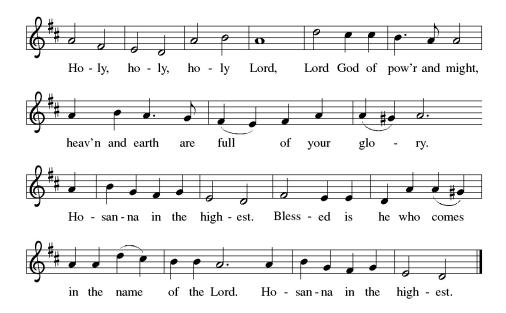
C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Matthew 21:9





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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

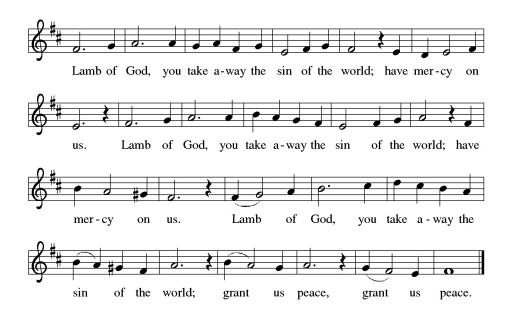
- C Amen.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Matthew 6:9

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.
- C Amen.
- P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

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.

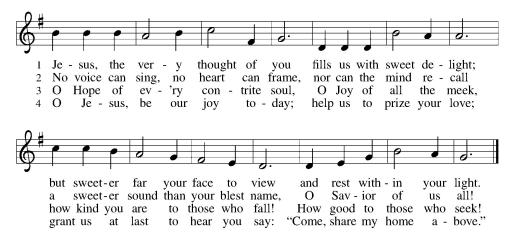
If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

This hymn text, variously attributed, is selected from among the 51 verses of the original poem. The tune is the work of a well-educated vicar of the Church of England, whose personality and devotion won him a substantial following, but whose High-Church views conflicted with the low-church views of his bishop. On that account he was overworked and died at the age of 53.

HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 754

Jesus, the Very Thought of You



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING - "God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world."

BLESSING

P The God of peace, Father,

Father,

Fon, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

G Amen!

This hymn's text focuses on Christian hope, based as it is on Psalms 18 and 73 and written during a time of great unrest in Protestant Germany. Its author was a favorite student of Philipp Melancthon at Wittenberg University. Although the origin of the melody is unknown, J. S. Bach used it in his St. John Passion.

SENDING HYMN ELW 750

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart





Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: HERZLICH LIEB, B. Schmid, *Orgeltabulaturbuch*, 1577

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- **A** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

J. G. Walther

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING — Pastor Brian Moran
GREETERS — Sally & Phil McAfee
ACOLYTE — Jessica Copfer
ASSISTING MINISTER — Emma Chaffee
LECTOR — Les Fobes
SOLOIST — Rose-Marie Rose
USHERS — Linda Graffius, Martha & Tom Klomp, Betty Pletz
ALTAR GUILD — Martha & Tom Klomp



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Frank Alvaro, by Diana.

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!

Today's Events

Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise is today from 1:00-4:00pm. Feast your eyes on all makes, models and years of cars. A perfect family afternoon with something everyone will enjoy; Chinese auction baskets, entertainment of Magic Steve, Music by DJ Bill Mason, Food by Cluck Truck, Bake sale and 50-50 raffle. C'mon down and have some fun!

Worship

Erie Lutheran Parish beach service will be held Sunday, August 14 at 9:00am at Presque Isle, Cookhouse Pavilion. A continental breakfast will be served following worship. Please list your name and number attending on the sign-up sheet located at the welcome table. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair. Reservations are due by Monday, August 1.

Luther Memorial beach service will be held Sunday, August 28 at 10:30am. A tureen luncheon will be served at 11:30am. We will meet at Presque Isle, Runner's Club Pavilion at Beach 1. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting and lawn chairs or blanket. Join us for some games and fun during the afternoon and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Presque Isle.

Altar flowers are available on Sunday, July 31. If you would like to place flowers at the altar, please contact Norma in our church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221 or nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org. Thank you.

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.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. We will not meet on July 26 due to carpet cleaning during the week throughout the building. We'll see your smiling faces on August 9 and August 23 with all your yarn and knitting or crochet needles. If you'd like to stop by to chat and visit, we'd love to see you. 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.

Health Information

All are welcome to attend a conversation with a panel of palliative medicine and hospice care providers for the community. Come and learn about these two important health care opportunities for all people and those who love and care for them. There is no cost for this event held Tuesday, August 2, at 7:00pm at the Jefferson Educational Society, 3207 State Street, Erie, PA. For more information, call 814-459-8000 or visit www.JESerie.org.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. However, with the significant rise of COVID cases in Erie County, we encourage you to wear a mask during worship. 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.

- BULLETIN PRAYER LIST -

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Members:				
Arden Fetcko	Mark Howell	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Jan MacInnes	
Bill Grande	Dave Parsh	Wendy Kern	Mark Howell	
Elizabeth & Scott Cowan	Pat Bellingham	Don Tatar		
	Friends and Fa	mily:		
Amy Daugherty	Bob R.	Amy Valentine	Linda F.	
Eli Martinez Montero	Allison & Erik	N. S.	Kevin	
Bishop Michael Lozano	Nancy Baker	Judy Skoog	Kathy Kisak	
Meghan Kessler	Bonnie Ford	William Lemmon	Marie Checkley	
Sophia	Sidney	Bob Guenther	Tammy Fuller	
Brendon Sauers & Carol Stinson	Lesley	Amy & Nate	Donnie Schley	
Melissa Geiser	Michelle Miller	Robbie Grainger	Amy Clark	
Jessica & Damian Ream	Carol Suesser	Jane Esper	Tom McGrail	
Kaleena H.		•		
Ou	r Military Service Mo	en & Women:		
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson Ben Dixon	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown	

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 18

TUESDAY, JULY 19 5:00pm Julia House Palliative Care Meeting

6:00pm Council Picnic

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

THURSDAY, JULY 21 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JULY 22 10:00am Balance Class

SATURDAY, JULY 23

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Michael Snider will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and 10:30am worship service in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA". Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service at 10:30am is also available on Luther Memorial Church's website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022 ASSISTING IN WORSHIP				
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Roberta Lobaugh		
	10:30am	Lois Smith		
Lay Distributors	8:15am	Stan Rose		
•	10:30am	Linda Graffius		
Altar Guild	8:15am	Cathie Dugan		
	10:30am	Loretta Deeds		
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco		
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham, Skip Meyn		