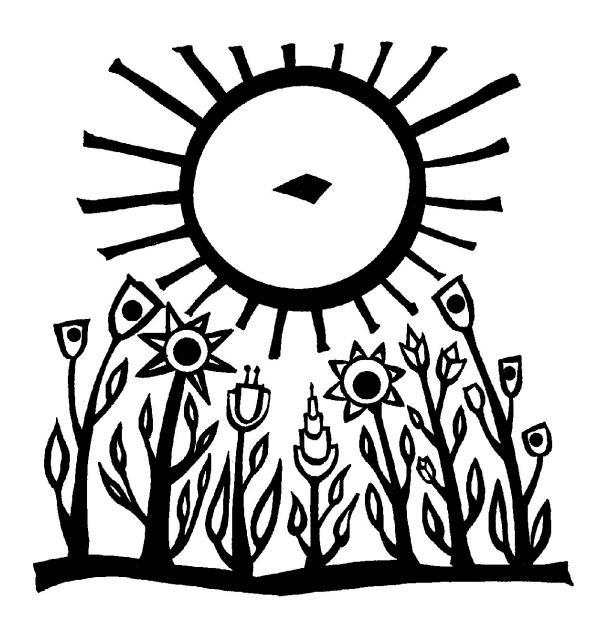
Welcome to

Luther Memorial Church

of the Erie Lutheran Parish



9 JUNE 2024
The Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

225 West Tenth Street • Erie, PA 16501 • 814-454-0106 REV. JAY C. MITCHELL, *Pastor*

WALT GABER

Cantor

RON KING

Pastoral Asst. ~ Holy Trinity

THE REV. KAREN LUNDWALL, THE REV. BRIAN MORAN
THE REV. KAREN PARSH, THE REV. GAIL ZACKRISON

Pastors in Residence

MICHELLE THOM
Academy Administrator
BETH KELLER
SARAH PRYLINSKI
Youth and Family Ministry
JAN MACINNES
Care Ministry

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 worshiping 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).

9 JUNE 2024 THE TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Holy Communion • ELW – Setting One • 10:30

GATHERING - "The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God."

PRELUDE – Partita on "Now We Join in Celebration"

Raymond H. Haan

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- **P** God, our provider,
- e help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

- P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, + the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, + the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN LBW 415





Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸The man and the woman heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹The Lord God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

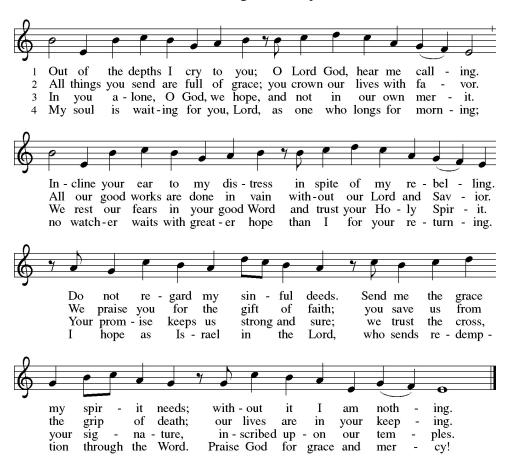
L The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

This hymn, written by Martin Luther, is a translation and paraphrase of Psalm 130 which is the prescribed Psalm for this week.

PSALMODY ELW 600

Out of the Depths I Cry to You



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite Music: AUS TIEFER NOT, attr. Martin Luther Text © 1978, 2006 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
- **ఆ** Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home, ²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And Jesus called them to him and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a dominion is divided against itself, that dominion cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against Satan and is divided, Satan cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Jesus and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside asking for you." ³³And Jesus replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

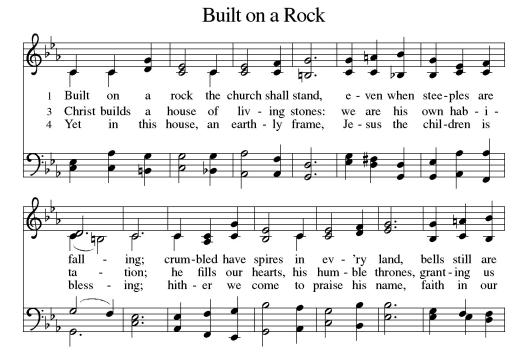
- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

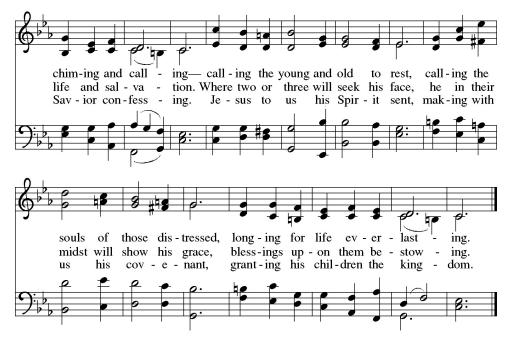
Please be seated.

SERMON Vicar Michael Snider

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 652





Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt. Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887 Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

APOSTLES' CREED

A Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized.

Q 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

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

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

...merciful God.

C receive our prayer.

- ⚠ Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord is with you.
- **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 Pensylvania 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 – "Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY ACS 1092



Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life,...your body for the life of the world.

G Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING after the Didache

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P We give thanks and praise to you, Holy God our Creator, for the holy vine of David your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus Your Servant who in the night in which he was betrayed took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

- **T**o you, O Creator of the fruit of the vine, be the glory forever.
- P We give thanks and praise to you, Holy God our Creator, for the life and knowledge which you made known to us through Jesus your Servant who took bread and gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

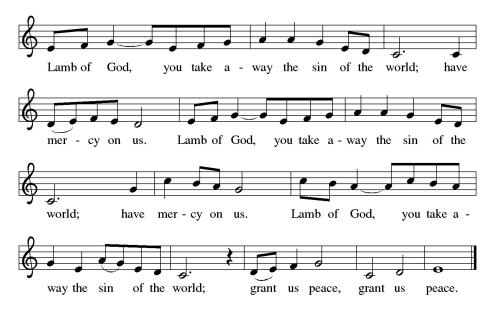
- **T**o you, O Creator of the grain of the earth, be the glory forever.
- P Holy God, even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, pour out upon us your Spirit so that your Church may be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your reign; for yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P 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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
- P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

THE COMMUNION

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

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

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

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

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

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

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

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

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

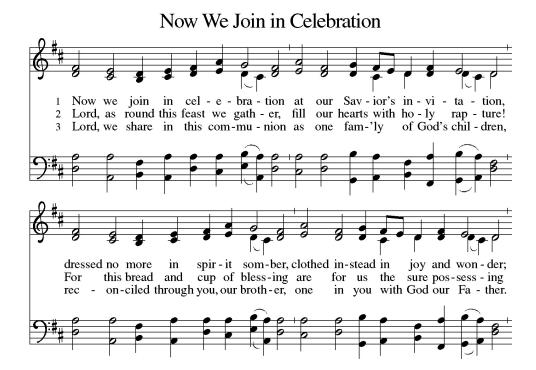
ELW 785



When Peace, like a River



ELW 462





Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life,...In your name we pray.
- **G** 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 838





Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. You are the Body of Christ

☑ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - "God of Grace and God of Glory"

arr. Paul Manz

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— SERVING TODAY —

PREACHING MINISTER – Vicar Michael Snider
PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell
ACOLYTES – Matthew & Mason Snider
COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Barb Dennison
LECTOR – Jonathan Ulrich
ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

USHERS - Cathy Beck, Sue Cappelletty, Lynnette Gustafson, Amy Scott







Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Karen Mitchell's birthday by Pastor Jay and Chaz Mitchell.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Gilbert by his wife, Pat.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 65th wedding anniversary of Shirley and Montie Collier by our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty and Martin Halttunen by their daughter, Janet Kent.

Today's Events

Raffle Tickets for two complete sets of summer picnic supplies are on sale from our youth. Your last chance to pick up raffle tickets is this morning. Stop and take a look at all the goodies. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Proceeds will benefit travel to the National Youth Gathering.

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 Matters

How is it already week 10? We may only be on the third Sunday after the Day of Pentecost, but our bulletin is counting it as the 10th week of Ordinary Time. The Church counts the Sundays when we vest ourselves in green simply by number. Given that they are *ordinal* numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) we call it "Ordinary Time". There is never anything ordinary about our gathering for worship and encountering our Risen Lord and our Mighty God. So, don't worry about that. But we simply count the Sundays during this "church cycle" of the year.

But there are some perhaps intriguing aspects of the way we keep these Sundays. First, we deck ourselves in green. We learn in these seasons about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, we are taught about our faith, and we grow as we seek to follow. As with the living things that grow (particularly in this summer season), we remember this growth in faith—both broadly and deeply—with green. We are nurturing our roots. We are growing toward the Sun.

We also count somewhat oddly. Yes, we use ordinal numbers, but we also don't necessarily count them in order. You see, Ordinary Time is split between two seasons. Often they are called the Sundays *after the Epiphany* and the Sundays *after Pentecost*. Both of these seasons can seem like "filler" Sundays until something interesting happens again. The first fall between the 12 days of Christmas and the beginning of Lent, the second between the Day of Pentecost and the beginning of Advent. But here's the thing, while there may be 52 weeks of the year, and there are *always* 34 Sundays of Ordinary Time, it all depends on Easter. When Easter is early (as it was this year) we only get a few Sundays between Christmas and Lent (5 this year). It also means the season between Pentecost and Advent begins earlier (this year on the 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time, though we kept this as Trinity Sunday). You see, the first 8 Sundays of Ordinary Time are *possible* in the season after Epiphany. Then they pick up after Trinity Sunday with wherever they are meant to be based on the calendar. So we don't always get all the Sundays. But, then, it's a good reminder that God's time is not our time and thanks be to God for that!

Worship

Our worship service on Sunday, June 23 will be held at Presque Isle. We will gather at the Rotary Pavilion, #9 for 10:30am worship. A picnic and games will follow to make it a wonderful afternoon. Please bring a dish to share, your place setting, and a chair or blanket. If you have a favorite game, bring it along too. The 8:15am service will not be held.

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 worshiping 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.

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay will be out of the office from Thursday through Saturday of this week for Synod Assembly. If you need him Monday through Wednesday, please call the church office.

Christian Education

Family Vacation Bible School will meet for their final gathering on Wednesday evening, June 12. Dive with us into this amazing undersea adventure with **SCUBA** and discover what living water is really all about. Our evening 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.

Adult Faith Formation

Mark your calendars for the Sundays in July when Adult Forum will share a bit of our own VBS with short sessions between the services. We will be exploring the worship resources of the ELCA—specifically *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *All Creation Sings*. Join us! These sessions will only be offered from 9:30-10:15 on Sunday mornings.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise will be held Sunday, July 14 from 1:00-4:00pm in our parking lot. This is a fun afternoon for the entire family. Car enthusiasts will enjoy a variety of show cars along with DJ Bill Mason, Magic Steve, delicious food, a huge Chinese auction, 50-50 raffle and bake sale. Monies raised will benefit Shriners Children's Hospital and Luther Memorial's Youth. For more information, contact kenscarcruise@gmail.com.

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 June 11 and June 25 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 has a treat for your taste buds. Join us for a delicious lunch at Madeline's (formerly Crowleys), 8844 Rt. 18, Cranesville on Wednesday, June 12 at 12:00 noon. Please see Jan MacInnes if you would like to attend.

Youth Event

Willy Wonka Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, June 14 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.

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.

SVEA Celebration

Svea Lodge #296 is celebrating 110 years of serving the Swedish community in Erie! Svea supports our members by helping to keep the Scandinavian culture and traditions alive. *Santa Lucia Festival of Light* has been a huge part of maintaining those traditions. Svea invites you to join us for another Scandinavian celebration – *Midsommar*, a time to rejoice at the coming of the warm bright summer. Join us for a smorgasbord on Saturday, June 15 at Presque Isle State Park, Runner's Club Pavilion #1 from 11:00am – 3:00pm. Bring a dish to share, table service, your beverage and chairs. Please RSVP to any Svea member, by registering on our website: www.svea-erielodge.org, Events Tab.

Items to Note

Carpets and floors throughout the church and school will be cleaned during the week of July 15. We ask that use of the building be minimal during the week. Please contact the church office if you would like to stop down as some entrances will be blocked off. Thank you.

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST -

]	PLEASE REMEMBER IN	Your Prayers:				
Our Members:						
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Phil McAfee	Cathy Beck & Jim			
Diane & Bob Giannelli	Winnie Lyons	Ron King	Virginia Long			
Matt, Jessica Kinzig & family	Jacob O'Brien	-				
Friends and Family:						
Kate Collins & family	Lily	Marlo	Amy Roschy			
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Sherry Johnson	Heather Keaster	Curtis Krick			
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Stephanie Voland	Barbara Beatty	Jonah Allgeier			
Jenny Hallgren	Tony B.	Betty M.	Betty Peters			
Connie Haibach & family	Katja Mestrom	Bernadette Mulder	Jim Berger			
Jamal Lemmons	Jim Roberts	Cherly Runstedler	Jerry			
Grief:						
Paul Gustafson family						
Our Military Service Men & Women:						
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner		Alli Brown			
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins					

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 10	8:00am	Kindergarten Boot Camp	
TUESDAY, JUNE 11	8:00am 10:00am 10:00am	Kindergarten Boot Camp Study Group for Pastors Magic Fingers Grace Group	
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12	8:00am 12:00pm 4:30pm 5:30pm 7:00pm	Kindergarten Boot Camp OWLS/Lunch at Madeline's Julia Hospice Meeting Vacation Bible School National Youth Gathering Meeting	
THURSDAY, JUNE 13	8:00am	Kindergarten Boot Camp	
FRIDAY, JUNE 14	8:00am 5:30pm	Kindergarten Boot Camp Youth Movie Night Synod Assembly	
SATURDAY, JUNE 15		Synod Assembly	

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Depart for Confirmation Camp.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024 ASSISTING IN WORSHIP					
	10:30am	Julie Ditz			
Communion Assistant (1 needed)	10:30am				
Lector	10:30am	Lois Smith			
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci			
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels			
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco			
	10:30am	(1 needed)			
Video Streaming	10:30am	Nick Lang			
Counters	10:30am	Jonathan Gaber, Jean McMillin			
Ushers (4 needed)	10:30am	Linda & Dave Ditz			

Readings and Commemorations This Week

June 9 – Columba, 597; Aidan, 651; Bede, 735; renewers of the church – Psalm 97:1-2, 7-12; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Luke 10:17-20 -- These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

June 10 – Psalm 74; I Samuel 16:14-23; Revelation 20:1-6

June 11 – **Barnabas, Apostle** – Isaiah 42:5-12; Psalm 112; Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3; Matthew 10:7-16 – Barnabas spoke for the newly converted Paul to the Jerusalem believers, who were understandably still afraid of Paul, and later the two of them went on missionary journeys together to the Gentiles (Acts 13–14), until they had a falling-out (Acts 15:36 ff.). Jesus' instructions in Matthew perhaps suggest their experiences on their travels, and Isaiah's words "I have given you as . . . a light to the nations" speak to their mission to the Gentiles.

June 12 – Psalm 74; Isaiah 26:16-27:1; Luke 11:14-28

June 13 – Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Genesis 3:14-24; Hebrews 2:5-9

June 14 – Macrina the Younger, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory Nazianzus, the Cappadocian Mother and Fathers, 4th century – Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 19:7-14; Romans 11:33-36; John 5:19-24 -- The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

June 15 – Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; II Kings 14:1-14; Mark 4:1-20