

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



23 MARCH 2025
The Third Sunday *in* Lent
10:30 am

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion • ELW Setting Five • 10:30

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

PRELUDE – “Fugue in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN

ACS 924

As the Winter Days Grow Longer



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light —
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer —
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless-es earth with spring-time, shine with-in our world a-new!
 God who bless-es earth with spring-time, bloom with-in our hearts a-gain!
 God who bless-es earth with spring-time, grant us sab-bath joy this day!

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 Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody; arr. hymnal version
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GREETING

- ☐ The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

- ☐ Let us pray. Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfect love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for the Lord has glorified you. ⁶Seek the Lord while the Lord may be found; call upon God while God is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, who will have mercy on them, and to our God, who will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L May God add a blessing to the reading of the Word.

PSALM: 63:1-8 (*Read responsively.*)

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

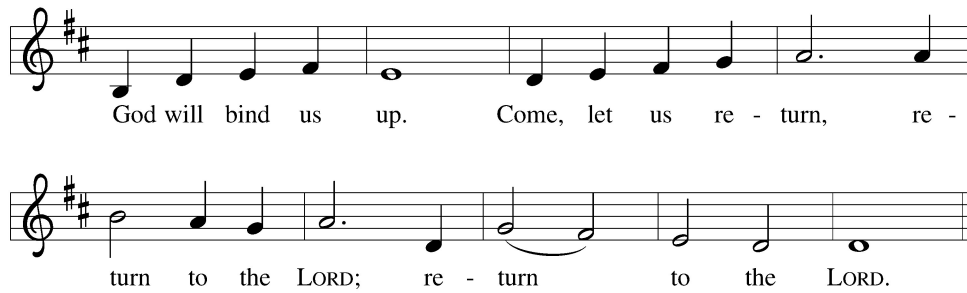
¹I do not want you to be ignorant, dear family, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing God will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

☐ May God add a blessing to the reading of the Word.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come, let us re - turn, re - turn to the LORD, for it is
God who has torn us, and God will heal the
tear; for it is God who has struck us, and



God will bind us up. Come, let us re - turn, re -
turn to the LORD; re - turn to the LORD.

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GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²Jesus asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them— do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.” ⁶Then Jesus told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸The gardener replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

A brief silence for reflection. As the organ sounds, please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

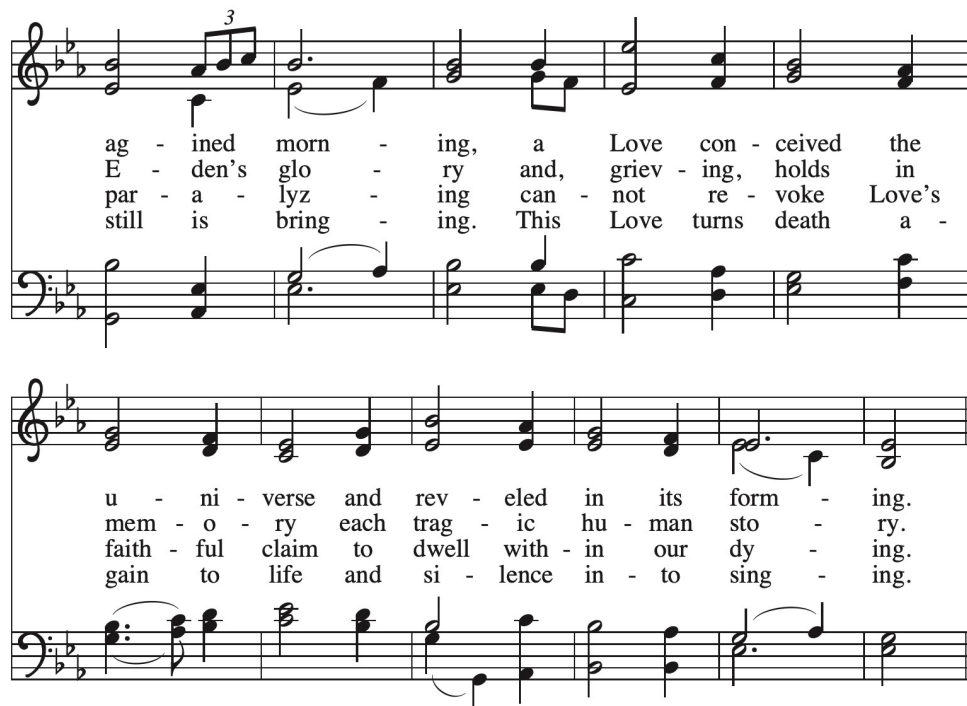
HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1049

Before the Waters Nourished Earth



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

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 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody
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CONFESSION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...

Let us then, confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or sits—as is comfortable. Silence is kept for self-examination and reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin
 and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done
 and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
 so that we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

The assembly remains kneeling or sitting—as is comfortable—for the Prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Trusting in the promises of baptism, the mercy and grace of God, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.
- A** Let us pray for the Church; for deacons, pastors, and bishops; for the congregations of the Erie Conference and our varied ministries; for all the faithful.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the Church of Jesus Christ in every place.
- A** Let us pray for God's good creation; for the promises of spring; for fig trees; for farms and vineyards around Lake Erie produce fruit for our nourishment and enjoyment; for those who have lost their land, homes, communities, and loved ones in deadly tornadoes, wildfires, and dust storms; for animals that have lost their habitat.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the needs of creation.
- A** Let us pray for the nations; for the healing of the nations, including our own; for judges, attorneys and those called to serve justice.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the nations of the world.
- A** Let us pray for those in need; for those who live in fear; those suffering from measles, long COVID, and other debilitating illnesses; the sick; those who bear another's burdens; those who will die today.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the sick, suffering, and those in need.
- A** Let us pray for those preparing for baptism; for those who seek after the mysteries of God; those who prepare for ministry in the Church.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for those in their catechetical journeys.
- A** Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who have gone before in the way of the cross; Oscar, Mary, Hans, Robert, Bette, Mary, Ron; those whose faith inspires our own; those whose faith was known only to God.
Here you may give thanks silently or aloud for our beloved dead.

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.

ANTHEM – "Voluntary"

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY

Come to the Table

ELW 481



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in-vi-ta-tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal-va-tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

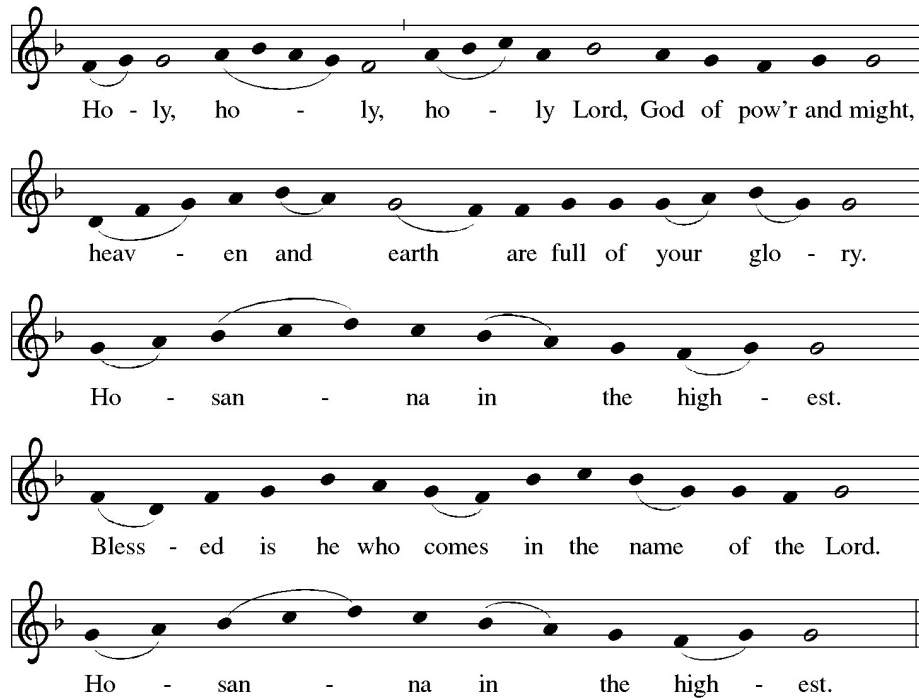
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

☐ It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... we praise your name and 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 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

- ☐ O God, Creator of our wilderness world, Savior of the lost, and Comforter of the sick and suffering, we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.
- ☐ For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood. For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law. For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.
- ☐ You became truly human in Jesus our brother. For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

*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.*

☐ We extol his life:

☑ Amen.

☐ We lament his death:

☑ Amen.

☐ We celebrate his resurrection:

☑ Amen.

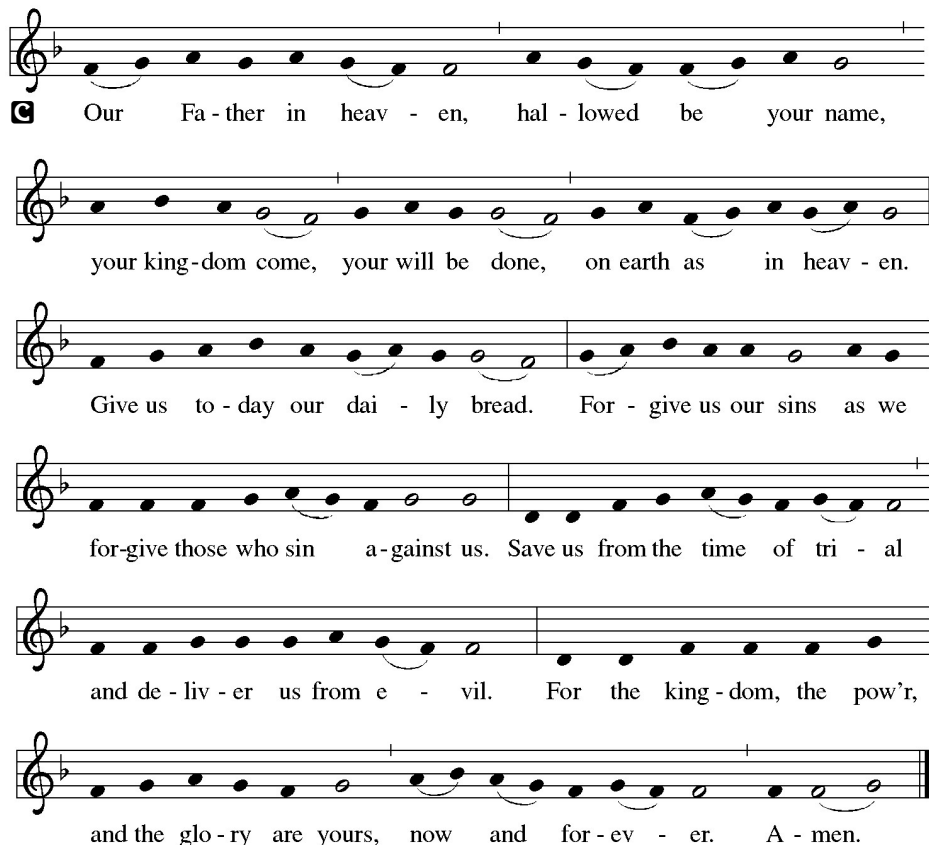
P Transform us, O God, + with your lively Spirit. Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son. Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance. Teach us your words of wisdom and justice. Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace. At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.

P To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P *Lord, remember us in your sovereignty and teach us to pray.*



C Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE PEACE

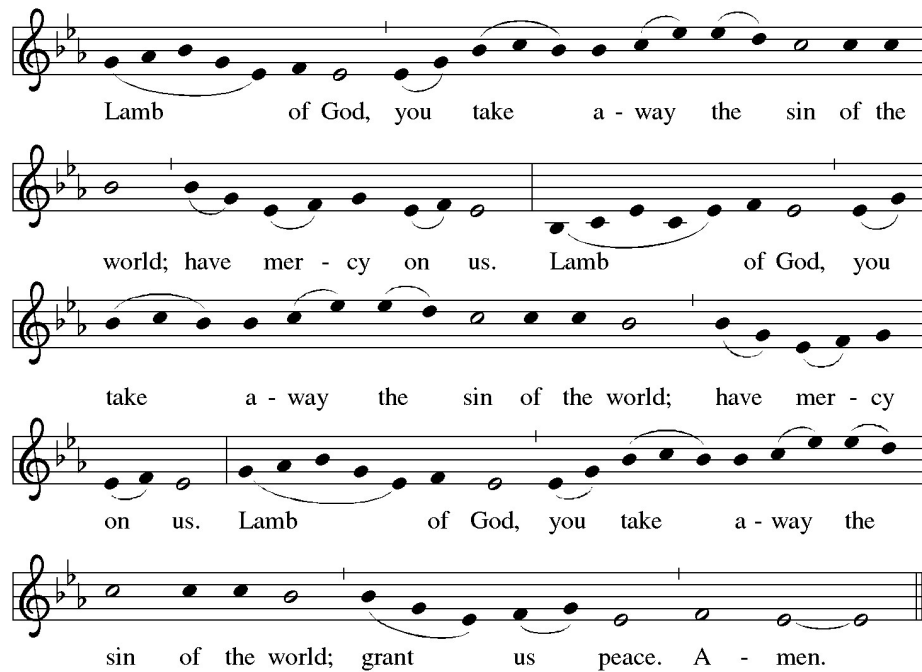
The presiding minister and assembly exchange a greeting of reconciliation and peace.

P Jesus taught them: When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. My siblings, in this meal, we are reconciled with God, let us first be reconciled with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.



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. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Here is the Lamb of God. Here is the one who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to the supper.
- ☑ **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**
- ☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ for you.

Please be seated and remain seated until the blessing.

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.

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
 2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimaged, all your ways!



Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
 Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
 To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!



Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
 God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.



Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
 one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

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Surely God Is My Salvation



1 Surely God is my salvation,
 2 Thus with joy you shall draw water
 3 Tell the nations of God's glory,



I will trust and shall not fear. God the Lord is
 from salvation's wells and springs. Sing your thanks to
 make this known in all the earth. Praise the Lord, the



strong and mighty, my salvation true.
 God Almighty for these wondrous deeds.
 God of Israel, call upon God's name.



Refrain
 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O daughter Zion!

Sing ho-san - na!

Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!

Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

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Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ Elijah got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights. Having been strengthened by this food and drink—our Savior Jesus Christ—let us continue on our Lenten journey.
- ☑ **Amen. We go.**

POSTLUDE – "Southwell"

J. B. Carlson

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING MINISTER – Pastor Jay Mitchell

ACOLYTE – Jessica Copfer

ASSISTING MINISTER – Chloe Meucci

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Linda Graffius

LECTOR – Karen Braendel

USHER – Carl Moore

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert Pletz, loving father and grandfather, by Julie and Jim Sturm, Jordan and Jimmy Sturm.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bette Hoffman by the Spaulding family

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Ron Henry, Linda Braendel-Henry's husband, who died March 9, 2025.

Today's Events

Adult Forum will gather in the library at 9:30am.

Luther Memorial Academy will host their Open House this afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00pm.

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!

Seem like something's missing this Lent? We have greatly abbreviated the Sending Rite of the service each week so that we go directly from the Table into our ministry in the world. Every week, each time we gather together, the Holy Spirit sends us in mission. Every time we gather around the Table, we are sent in the strength of this food. In this season in particular, we remember the travels of Elijah who traveled to the Mount of God for forty days and forty nights (sound familiar?) in the strength of food and drink brought to him by angels. As we share each of these weeks, we too are strengthened by food and drink—this time, the very food *of* angels, the Body and Blood of Jesus—and are sent out on our way.

And what about the new *ordo*? The confession and peace have moved. Each of these changes in this season has a reason: The first, the move of confession is from the beginning of our worship to the place where we usually recite the Creed. In this moment in the liturgy—the moment when we recall the promises of Baptism—we remember most especially the gift of forgiveness. By the Great Forgiveness that is flooded over us in baptism to the daily forgiveness we receive again and again from God, baptism is the way we live each day. In this season of repentance and of renewal of baptismal covenant, we highlight this by confessing our sins at the precise moment in the service we remember our baptism. By doing so we remember that we are forgiven before we even knew to ask.

And what about the peace? Why here? This is an optional place in the liturgy to share the peace. Whether before receiving the offering or before receiving Jesus in our hands and on our lips, we share the peace for precisely the reason we are reminded of in the service. Jesus commands that we reconcile with one another before approaching the Table. By placing the peace here, after the proclamation of the Eucharistic Prayer, we are reminded that it is only with Jesus in our midst that true peace and reconciliation are possible. So, with Jesus in our midst on the Table, we share the reconciliation and peace we have first been offered by Jesus.

Lent Opportunities

Lent with Dietrich is our series for our midweek gatherings this year. There are two opportunities to gather together:

- We will continue our afternoon gathering: 12:05 Worship followed by 12:30 Luncheon *and this year* followed by 1:00pm Learning.
- We have added an evening opportunity to gather. These gatherings will be the same material used in the afternoon: 6:00pm Worship followed by 6:30pm Learning. You are welcome to bring your own supper for the evening.

Additionally, **Lent with Dietrich Devotional Books** are available on all Welcome Tables. These daily devotions (except for Sundays) can serve as a great way to begin or end your day in prayer, Scripture, and reflection. And remember: we crafted this resource together!

Lenten Luncheons will be offered on Wednesdays in Lent; March 12 – April 9 at 12:30pm in fellowship hall. Enjoy a home-cooked meal for only \$10. The main dish will be fish at our luncheon on March 26. Pick up something sweet at the LMA bake sale, too. If you would like to help in any way please contact Betty Pletz at 898-1053 or the church office.

Thirty Minutes with God will be offered on Thursdays, March 13 – April 10, at 12:00pm in the Luther Chapel. These spoken services will be a brief rite of Holy Communion with a reading, reflection, and the Sacrament.

Youth

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, April 8 from 5:30-7:00pm for dinner and planning of our upcoming service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

Lutherlynn summer camp registration began February 1. Various camps are available throughout the summer for all ages. Information is located at the welcome table.

Faith Formation

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, meets the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be Monday, May 12 as we will begin the book *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith* by Heidi Neumark. The book may be purchased at local bookstores and on Amazon.

B.A.D. (Bible After Dark) will gather again on May 7 at Calamari's at 6:30pm and continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month. 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.

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 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; March 25. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Craft Fair

Professional crafters will have a large selection of items to choose from at our Craft Fair on Saturday, March 29 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Stop down and get a jump on your spring shopping. Entrance fee is only \$2.

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.

Readings and Commemorations This Week

March 24 – Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, 1980 – Ezekiel 20:40-42; Psalm 5; Revelation 6:9-11; Mark 8:34-48 -- *Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.*

March 25 – THE ANNUNCIATION – Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 45; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 -- *Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.*

March 26 – Psalm 39; Numbers 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16

March 27 – Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; II Corinthians 4:16-5:5

March 28 – Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; II Corinthians 5:6-15

March 29 – Hans Nielson Hauge, renewer of the church, 1824 – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 46; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Mark 10:35-45 -- *Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.*

CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 24	11:00am 3:30pm	Balance Class Prayer Group
TUESDAY, MARCH 25	8:00am 10:00am 2:30pm	LMA World's Fair Magic Fingers Grace Group LMA Play Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26	12:05pm 12:35pm 1:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Lenten Worship Luncheon Learning Session Lenten Worship Learning Session
THURSDAY, MARCH 27	12:30pm 1:00pm 2:30pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	30 Minutes with God Grief Support Group LMA Play Rehearsal Handbells Choir
FRIDAY, MARCH 28		
SATURDAY, MARCH 29	10:00am	Craft Fair

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Worship with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel or 10:30am in the main church.
Adult Forum will gather at 9:15am.
Family event begins at 4:00pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Linda Swanson
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	Eric Hedlund
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Beth Keller
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Jonathan Ulrich
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Eric Hedlund

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Ron King
Ann Flick	Pat Gilbert	Lois Fobes	Bea Leemhuis
Friends and Family:			
Grant, Alina, Charlie Jane McGrail	Jenn	Mary Lou	Norbert Ericson
Racheal Thompson	Phil F.	Andrew Wachter	Dale Dannhaus
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Janine Frank	Casey Smith	Cheryl Atkinson
Branden Jones	Teddy & Rebecca	Jessica Reams	Amy S.
Karen Chilcote	Joey & family	Steve Sensor	Curtis Krick
Grief:			
Lucille Kraut family	Dave Cooney family	Paul Berger family	Ron Henry family
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	