

Today from the life of the church

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from getting talkative, particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Keep my mind from the recital of endless details—give me wings to come to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains—they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. Help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Amen.

Anonymous 17th-century nun



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 15
SUNDAY, SEP. 5, 2021

PRELUDE Three Settings of Dearest Jesus, at Your Word | Johann Walther

GATHERING

Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#520 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Dearest Jesus, at Your Word
Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

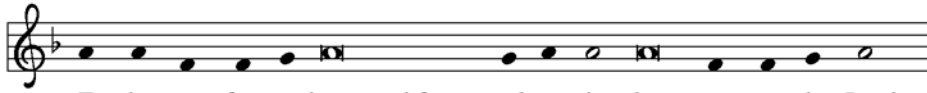
KYRIE



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.

GLORIA

Assisting minister

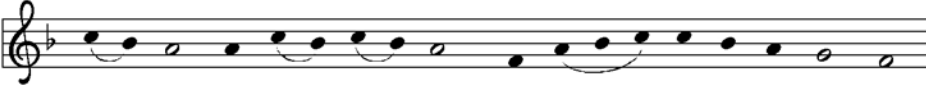


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -



ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



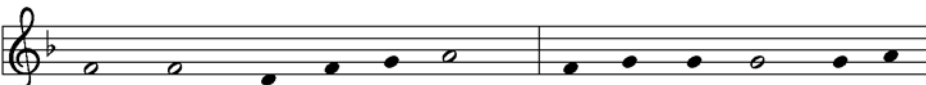
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,




Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone



are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us ready to proclaim your promises, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

8:00 | *The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the cantor.*

10:30 | *The choir sings the antiphon, "I will praise the Lord as long as I live," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

**Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.**

**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;

**who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The Lord sets the | captive free.**

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the Lord | loves the righteous.**

The Lord cares | for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
The Lord shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING *James 2:1-17*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

8:00 | *Acclamation sung by all*



10:30 | *Acclamation sung by all*

Choir: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

All repeat acclamation.

GOSPEL *Mark 7:24-37*

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#716 HYMN OF THE DAY Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor: Peace be with you.

MEAL

Please sit.

OFFERING

10:30 | MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Make a Joyful Noise | arr. Kenneth Jewell

Please stand.

#184 OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
 with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 | *Spoken by all*

10:30 | *Sung by all*

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be
thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our
dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,
as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us



not in- to temp-ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.

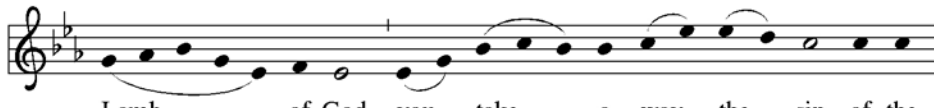


For thine is the king- dom, and the pow- er, and the



glo- ry, for- ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

LAMB OF GOD



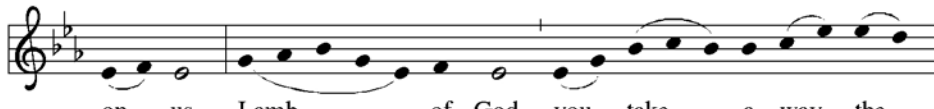
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



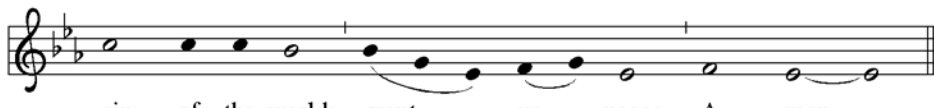
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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.

Please sit.

THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread) in our open hands and the Blood of Christ (wine) by intinction. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup; persons unable to drink wine are encouraged to abstain from the cup and receive Christ in the bread.

#617 COMMUNION HYMN We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

#673 RECESSIONAL HYMN God, Whose Almighty Word
Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the font.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fanfare-Procession | T. Frederick H. Candlyn

SERVING TODAY

	8:00 am	10:30 am
PRESIDER	Pastor Emily Tveite	Pastor Emily Tveite
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer	Andrew Schaeffer
ASSISTING MINISTER	Jay Suthers	Dave Zentner
COMMUNION ASSISTANT		Jane Hall
LECTOR	Caroline Oldershaw	Lynn Washington
CRUCIFER	Randy Burmeister	Rolf Wulfsberg
SACRISTAN	Peggy Baldwin	Cynthia Vander Woude
HEAD USHER	Sue Bangert	Jeff Van Fleet
VIDEO DIRECTOR		Lee Powell
SOUND OPERATOR	Eric Suomi	Alex Starr & Nicole Lane

We welcome **Pastor Emily Tveite**, campus pastor, as our guest presider this morning. Pastor Pohlman is away on vacation and will return on Tuesday.

Altar flowers are given by Charles Craig in thanksgiving for good music at Luther Memorial.

WELCOME!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Please ask a pastor for a gluten-free communion wafer, if needed.

RESOURCES

T-coil audio is available in the nave. Ushes can provide hearing assistance and a wheelchair, if needed. Prayer shawls are available in the narthex.

CHILDCARE

Infants and children are welcome in worship. Changing tables are located in the restrooms. The nursery will be open but unstaffed Sunday mornings. Staffed nursery begins Sunday, Sep. 12.

LIVESTREAM BROADCAST

Please be aware the 10:30 service is livestreamed on our website at www.luthermem.org and YouTube. Cameras are installed in the nave, and worshipers may occasionally be visible on this broadcast.

PARKING

Free parking is available on Sundays in the Grainger Hall parking ramp, one block east of the church, off Brooks Street. For those needing closer access, parking is reserved in the garage under the church off Conklin Place alley.

RECYCLE

Please recycle your bulletin in the basket in the narthex after the early service, or in the blue recycle bin after the 10:30 service.

LEARN MORE

If you would like a pastor to call or write, or want to learn more:

- Please fill out a pew card and place in the offering plate
- Visit us online at www.luthermem.org or Facebook
- Contact the church office or a pastor

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NEW BULLETIN DESIGN

To assist everyone to participate in the liturgy more fully, particularly guests, students and new members, we have redesigned our worship bulletin. This version includes more detail than in the past. If you have questions or comments, feel free to share with one of the pastors.

