



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 18

SUNDAY, SEP. 26, 2021

Today from the life of the church

What is Jesus' incarnation but His heavenly humility, His emptying Himself and becoming man? What is His life on earth but humility, His taking the form of a servant? What is His atonement but humility? He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death. What is His ascension but humility exalted to the throne and crowned with glory? "He humbled Himself, therefore God highly exalted Him."

Only humility leads to perfect death; only death perfects humility. Humility and death are in their very nature one: humility is the end; in death the fruit is ripened to perfection.

The Christian's life ever bears the twofold mark; its roots striking in true humility deep into the grave of Jesus, the death to sin and self: its head lifted up in resurrected power to the heaven where Jesus is.

Andrew Murray
(1828-1917)

PRELUDE Choral | Joseph Jongen

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.

#719 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
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.

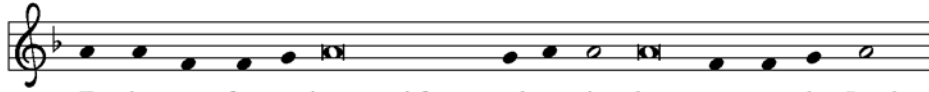
KYRIE



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.



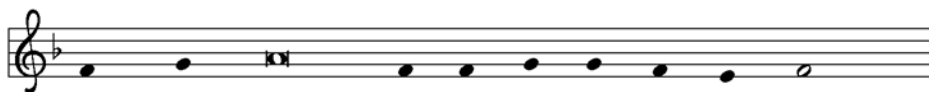
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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.

Lord God, your Son gave his life for the life of the world. Give us a share of his life, that, by your spirit, we might have peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING *Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29*

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once — if I have found favor in your sight — and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14

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, “The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes,” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

**The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.**

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

**Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.**

SECOND READING *James 5:13–20*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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: Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.

All repeat acclamation.

GOSPEL *Mark 9:38–50*

Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire

is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#804 **HYMN OF THE DAY** Come Down, O Love Divine

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee | Richard Proulx

The text may be found at ELW # 754

Please stand.

#184 OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



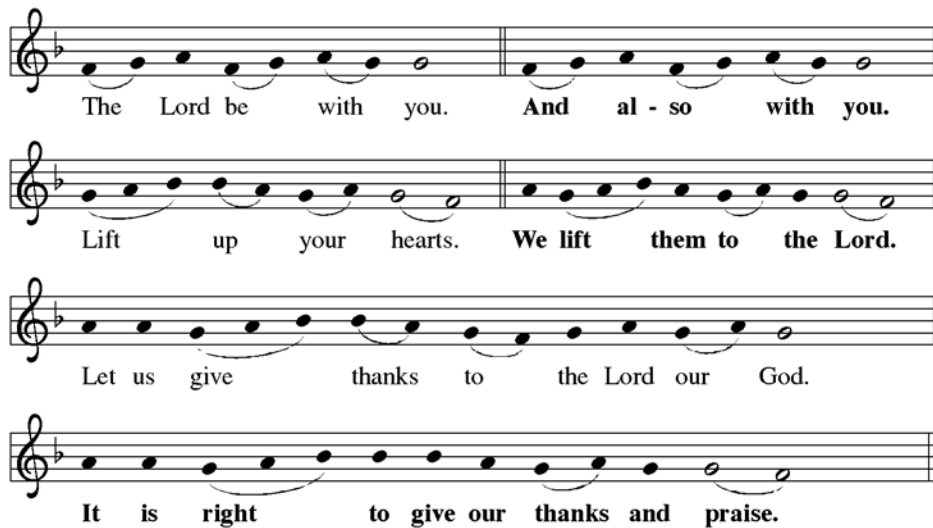
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us 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.

The musical notation consists of five staves in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has a fermata over the final note. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

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

The musical notation is a single staff in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics written below. It ends with a double bar line.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

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

The musical notation is a single staff in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics written below. It ends with a double bar line.

LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 | *Spoken by all*

10:30 | *Sung by all*

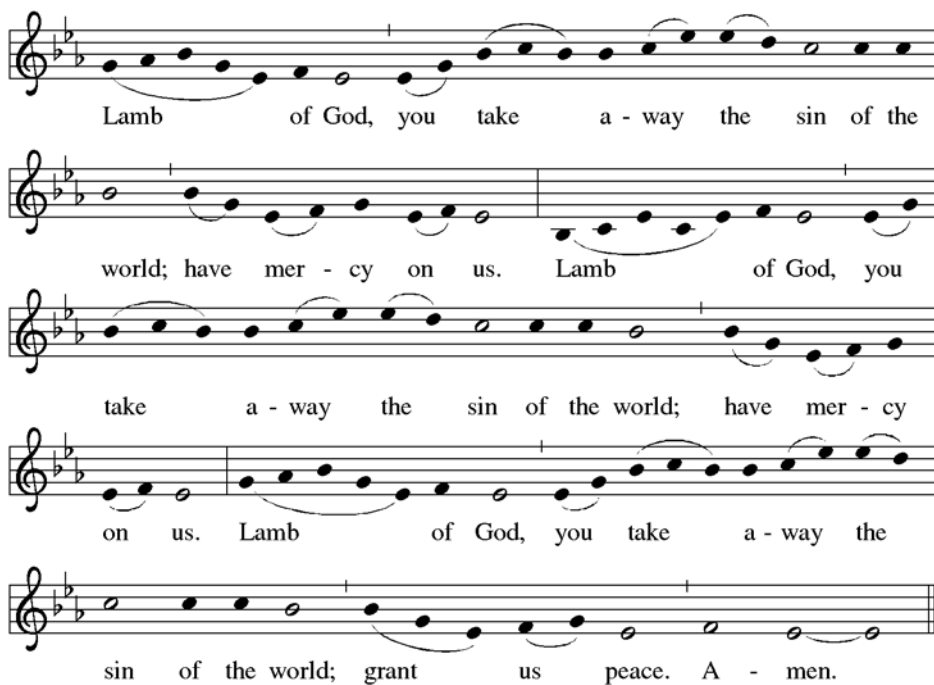
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be
thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has a fermata over the final note. The second staff ends with a double bar line.



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.

Please sit.
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.

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.

#607 COMMUNION HYMN Come, Ye Disconsolate

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Amen.

#545 RECESSIONAL HYMN Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the font.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE A Festive Intrada | Walter Pelz

SERVING TODAY

	8:00 am	10:30 am
PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer	Andrew Schaeffer
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sue Bangert	Lou Reynaldo
COMMUNION ASSISTANT		Al Larson
LECTOR	Sandy Bertics	Phyllis Pleuss
CRUCIFER		
SACRISTAN	Sandy Bertics	Mary Powell
HEAD USHER	Randy & Connie Burmeister	Eric Oelkers
VIDEO DIRECTOR		Lee Powell
SOUND OPERATOR		David Heins

Today we remember the inurnments of **Marjorie Barlett and Kay Ewers** in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

Altar flowers are given by Sandy Bertics in memory of her daughter Vicky Bertics.

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. We are currently using Holy Communion setting five (pages 156-164) from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal, located in each pew.

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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