



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 20

SUNDAY, OCT. 10, 2021

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

LIVESTREAM BROADCAST

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

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. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9:15–noon.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

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 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

PRELUDE Sonata V for flute and continuo | George Frideric Handel

- I. Larghetto
- II. Allegro
- III. Siciliana
- IV. Giga

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.

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

#589 PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Depends on Our Possessing

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.



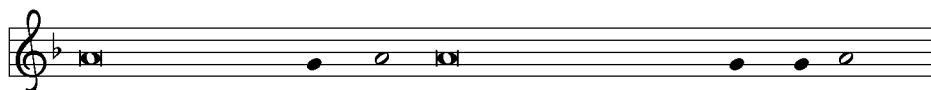
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15*

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins — you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:12-17

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, “So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom,” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long | will you tarry?

Be gracious | to your servants.

**Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.**

**Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.**

Show your ser- | vants your works,
and your splendor | to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 4:12-16*

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the

heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All repeat acclamation.

GOSPEL *Mark 10:17-31*

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#678 HYMN OF THE DAY God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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 He that is down need fear no fall | Ralph Vaughan Williams

He that is down need fear no fall, He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble, ever shall have God to be his Guide.

I am content with what I have, little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave, because Thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is, that go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss, is best from age to age

Please stand.

#184 OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



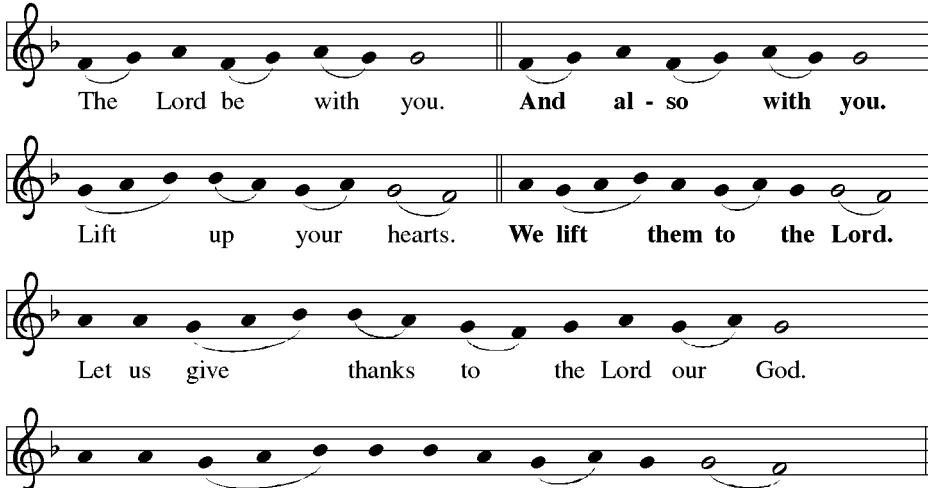
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us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

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.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION “God’s Time Is Always Best” *from Cantata 106* | J. S. Bach; arr. John Behnke

#685 COMMUNION HYMN Take My Life, That I May Be

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.

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

#705 RECESSIONAL HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Prelude in C Major (BWV 547) | Johann Sebastian Bach

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

We are not so familiar with freaks as Jesus was. He daily handled as bad or worse than what I see weekly in the hospital. People coming to him for healing were maimed, mutilated, and desperate. They didn't even have on clean pajamas. It is we who have isolated ourselves from the Incarnation. Our fear of the flesh is so deep that we institutionalize death and decay wherever it breaks out. There would be little chance of Jesus meeting a leper on the road today. Any kind of freakishness, whether physical, mental, or emotional, must be put away from our midst. People on public view must be at least superficially healthy. The lame, the halt, and the blind may not have had Medicare in the first century, but neither were they incarcerated for their offense against the sensibilities of the whole.

I know the ambiguous morality of my hospital visits. Besides cultivating a morbid curiosity common to writers, I am hedging my bets. I want to know the worst that can happen to human flesh. Knowing the worst that can happen is a superstitious way of attaining power over the unpredictable future. Haunting the hospital is also a way of experiencing unmediated reality, of assuring myself of my own senses, of realizing my own incarnation. I go up and down the corridors like a guilty intruder, being careful not to puncture my patient's plastic bag gradually filling with amber wine. I do not deny the sad truth about my less than pure intentions. But by grace there is something more here too. As I struggle to insert the purple swollen foot of a diabetic into his slippers, I am also asserting my allegiance to the flesh, loved and not rejected by our Lord, who did not hesitate at the unhealthy, the flesh he clothed his own glory in, thus sanctifying it forever. It is my way, like Thomas the Doubter's, of slipping my hand in the wound.

Virginia Stem Owens (b. 1941)

SERVING TODAY

	8:00 am	10:30 am
PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	The Rev. Peter Sherven	The Rev. Peter Sherven
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer	Andrew Schaeffer
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SACRISTAN	Sue Bangert	Cynthia Vander Woude
HEAD USHER	Jim Nelson	Carl Anderson
VIDEO DIRECTOR		Lee Powell
SOUND OPERATOR	Jon Schneider	David Heins

We welcome the Rev. Peter Sherven as preacher this morning. Pastor Brad Pohlman is away and will return Thursday, Oct. 14.

Our thanks to Casey Oelkers, flute, for playing this morning.

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