



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOV. 28, 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. Ushers 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 Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645) | Johann Sebastian Bach

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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 perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

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

#246 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

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.



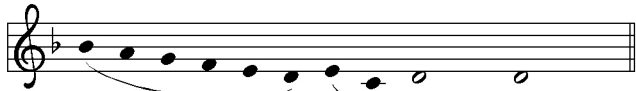
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 33:14–16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

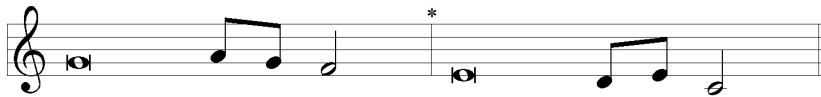
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

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

10:30 | *The chant choir sings the antiphon, “To you, I lift up my soul,” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



To | you, O Lord, *

I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,*
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

Let none who look to you be | put to shame; *
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**Show me your | ways, O Lord,*
and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your | truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting**

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;*
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;*
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

You lead the low- | ly in justice *
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness*
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore

whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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: Stand up and raise your heads—for your redemption is drawing near.

All repeat acclamation.

GOSPEL *Luke 21:25–36*

Glory to you, O Lord.

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#436 **HYMN OF THE DAY** Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying

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

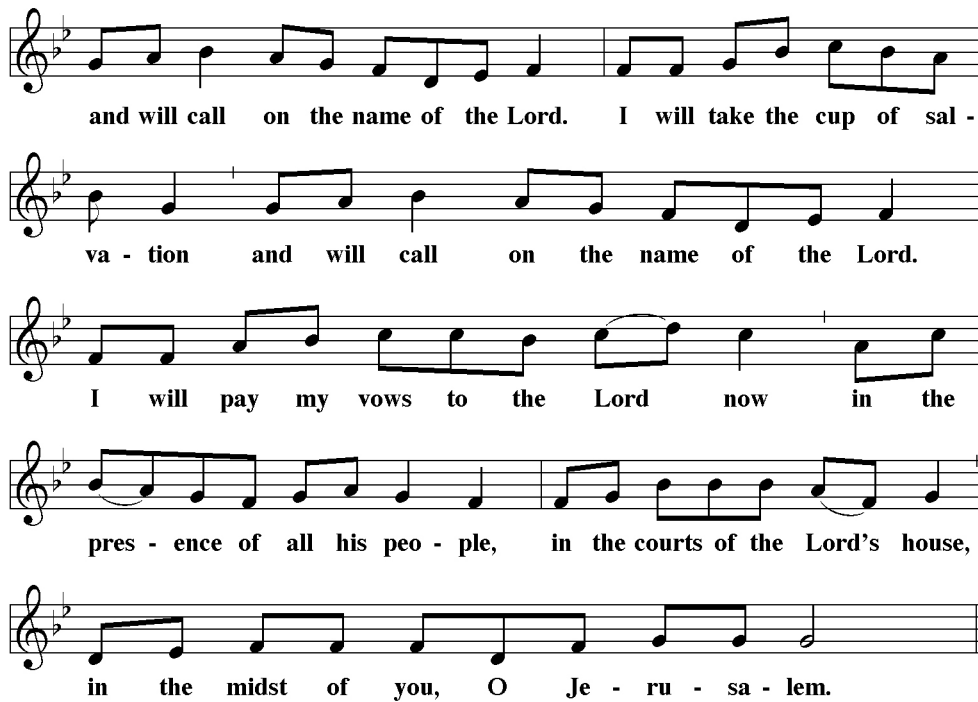
Please sit.
OFFERING

10:30 | MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Thou Shalt Know Him | Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know Him when he comes
 not by any din of drums,
 Nor his manners nor his airs,
 nor by anything he wears.
 Thou shalt know him when he comes,
 not by his crown or by his gown,
 But his coming known shall be
 by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.
 Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

Please stand.
OFFERTORY What Shall I Render

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?". The second staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



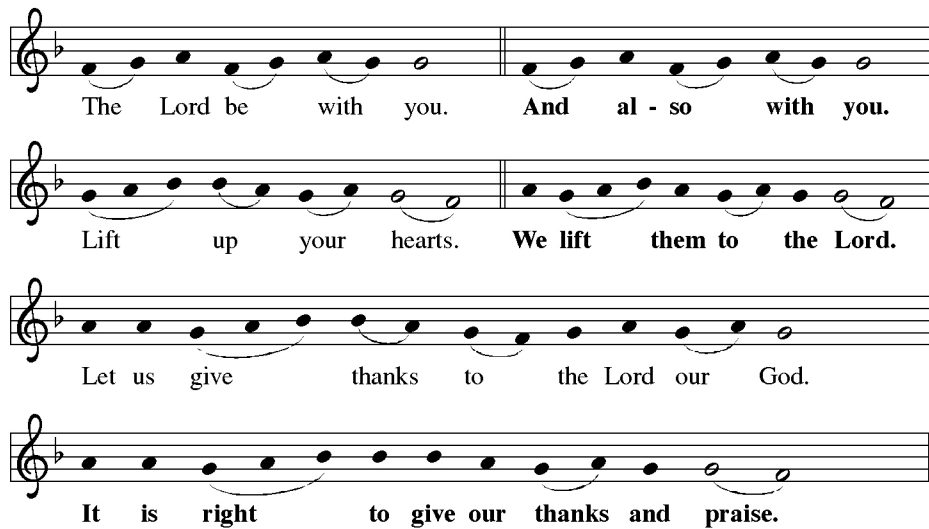
and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the
pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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.

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 of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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 consists of a single staff of music in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

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

The musical notation consists of a single staff of music in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes.

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 of music in a single system. Both staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the prayer, and the second staff contains the second 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. 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. The Blood of Christ (wine) may be received in any of three ways: by drinking from the first chalice, by dipping the bread (intinction) into the chalice, or by drinking from an individual glass poured from a second chalice. Persons unable to drink wine are encouraged to abstain from the cup and receive Christ in the bread.*

**Gluten-free bread is available on request.*

#243 COMMUNION HYMN Lost in the Night

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of 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.

#244 RECESSIONAL HYMN Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme | Emma Lou Diemer

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

We ask thy grace, O God, that we may make a due use of this holy time... Grant we may be watchful at this time above all others, in avoiding everything that can be injurious to our neighbor, whether in afflicting, or giving scandal, or drawing into sin, or casting any blemish on a reputation; but in all things, O God, may we follow the spirit of charity, being forward in bringing comfort and relief to all, as far as their circumstances shall require, and our permit.

Grant, O Lord, that thus we may prepare to meet our redeemer.

John Goter

SERVING TODAY

	8:00 am	10:30 am
PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer	Andrew Schaeffer
ASSISTING MINISTER	Beth Rahko	Lou Reynaldo
COMMUNION ASSISTANT		Jane Hall, Judy Braham
LECTOR	Caroline Oldershaw	Deb Raasch
CRUCIFER	Peter Rahko	Randy Raasch
SACRISTAN	Sue Bangert	Randy Raasch
HEAD USHER	Connie & Randy Burmeister	Eric Oelkers
VIDEO DIRECTOR		Lee Powell
SOUND OPERATOR		David Heins

Today we remember the inurnment of Alta Wendt in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read her page in the memory books.

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