



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DEC. 5, 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. The nursery is open but unstaffed today.

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

8:00 | Partita on “Hark, the Glad Sound” | Paul Bouman
10:30 | O Come, O Come Emmanuel | Ellen Jane Lorenz

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.

#239 **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Hark, the Glad Sound!

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,



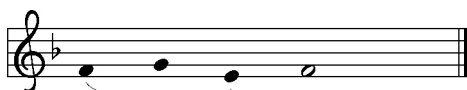
let us pray to the Lord.



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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING *Malachi 3:1-4*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Luke 1:68-79*

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, "In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.

**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
from the hands of | all who hate us,

**to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

**free to worship you | without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.**

SECOND READING *Philippians 1:3-11*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

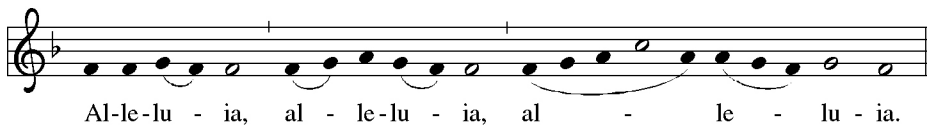
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

8:00 | *Acclamation sung by all*



10:30 | *Acclamation sung by all*

Choir: Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All repeat acclamation.

GOSPEL *Luke 3:1-6*

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#249 **HYMN OF THE DAY** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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

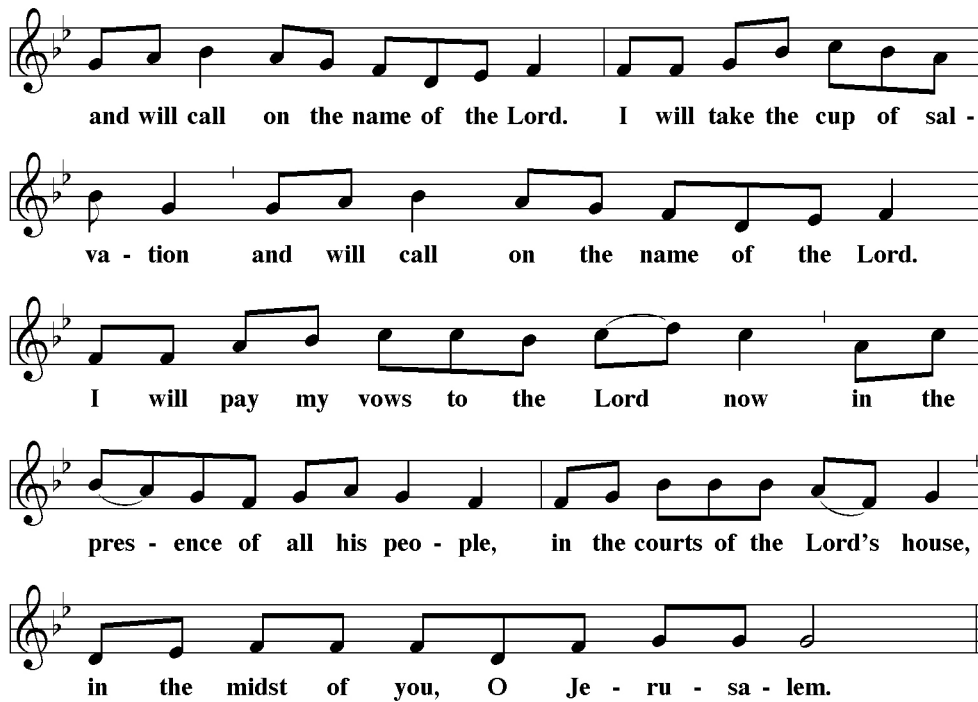
8:00 | Once He Came in Blessing | John Leavitt
10:30 | Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates | William Mathias
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,
And the king of glory shall come in.
Who is this king of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY What Shall I Render



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?
I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing



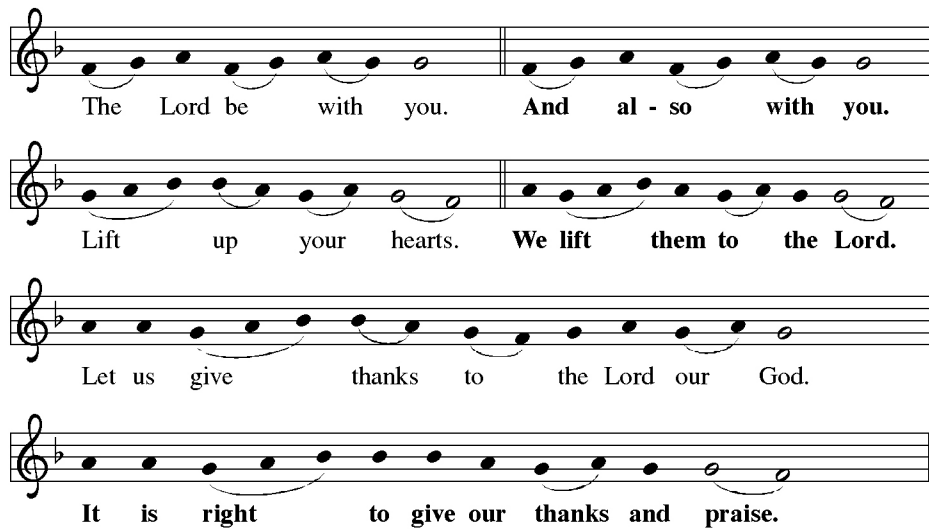
and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the
pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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.*

10:30 | MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Prepare the Royal Highway | Lee Afdahl

#256 COMMUNION HYMN Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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.

#264 RECESSIONAL HYMN Prepare the Royal Highway

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry | Aaron David Miller

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

They watch for Christ who are sensitive, eager, apprehensive in mind, who are awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in honoring him, who look for him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed, if they found that he was coming at once...

This then is to watch: to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again; to desire his second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of his first.

John Henry Newman
(1801-1890)

SERVING TODAY

	8:00 am	10:30 am
PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor Emily Tveite	Pastor Emily Tveite
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer	Andrew Schaeffer
ASSISTING MINISTER	Cameron Scarlett	Mary Jean Huston
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Lori Scarlett	Karole Leadholm, Rolf Wulfsberg, Lynn Washington
LECTOR	Janelle Allen	Paul Brammeier
CRUCIFER	Sandy Bertics	Rolf Wulfsberg
SACRISTAN	Sandy Bertics	Mary Powell
HEAD USHER	Sue Bangert	Robert & Marsha Steffen
VIDEO DIRECTOR		Lee Powell
SOUND OPERATOR	Eric Suomi	Alex Starr & Nicole Lane

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