



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DEC. 19, 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. 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 O Come, O Come Emmanuel | Leo Sowerby

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.

#257 PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Stanzas 1–3 all; stanza 4: organ; stanza 5: high voices;

stanza 6: low voices; stanzas 7 & 8: all

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, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING *Micah 5:2-5a*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7

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, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and be saved," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**O Lord | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?**

You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 10:5-10*

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices

and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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*

Chant Choir: Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.

All repeat acclamation.

GOSPEL *Luke 1:39-55*

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#263 **HYMN OF THE DAY** Savior of the Nations, Come

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 Ave Maria, gratia plena [Source: *Liber usualis*]

<i>Ave Maria, gratia plena,</i>	Hail Mary, full of grace,
<i>Dominus tecum:</i>	The Lord is with thee.
<i>Benedicta tu in mulieribus,</i>	Blessed art thou amongst women,
<i>Et benedictus fructus ventris tui</i>	And blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

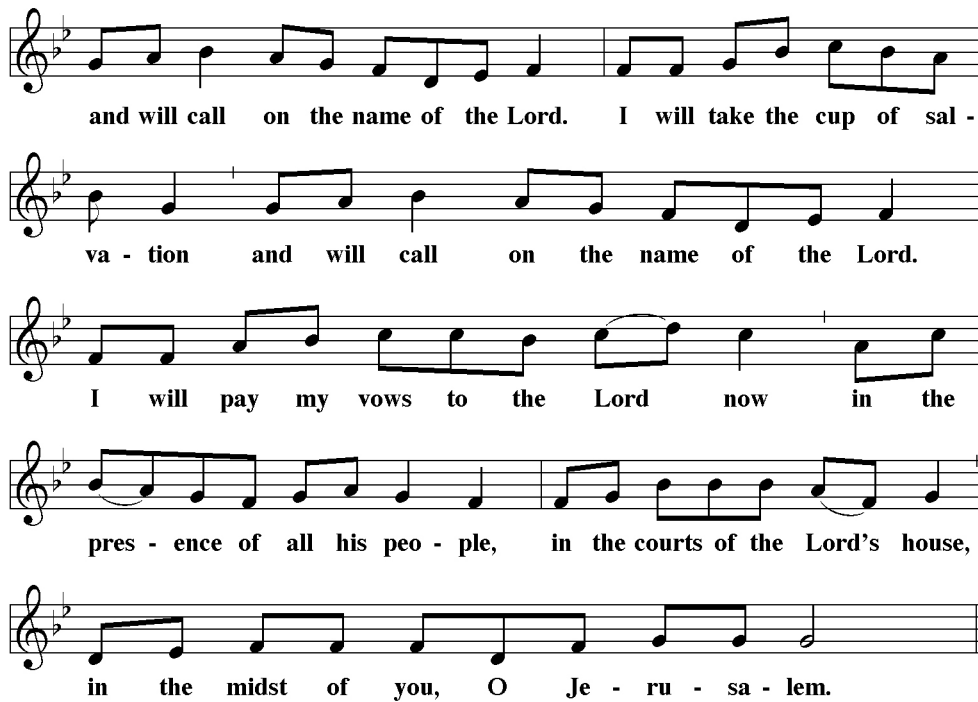
Please stand.

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

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 first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are printed below the notes.



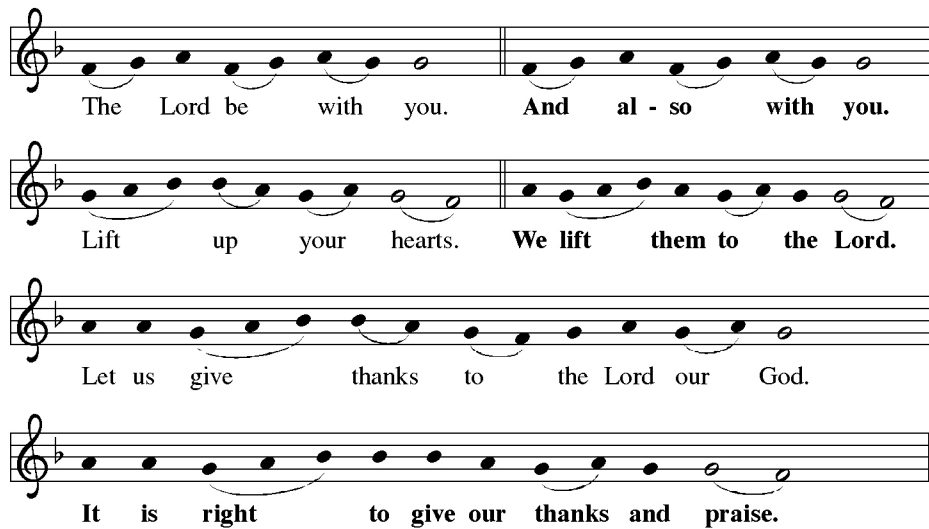
and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the
pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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. 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 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. The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and 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 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. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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. The staff ends with a double bar line.

LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 | *Spoken by all*

10:30 | *Sung by all*

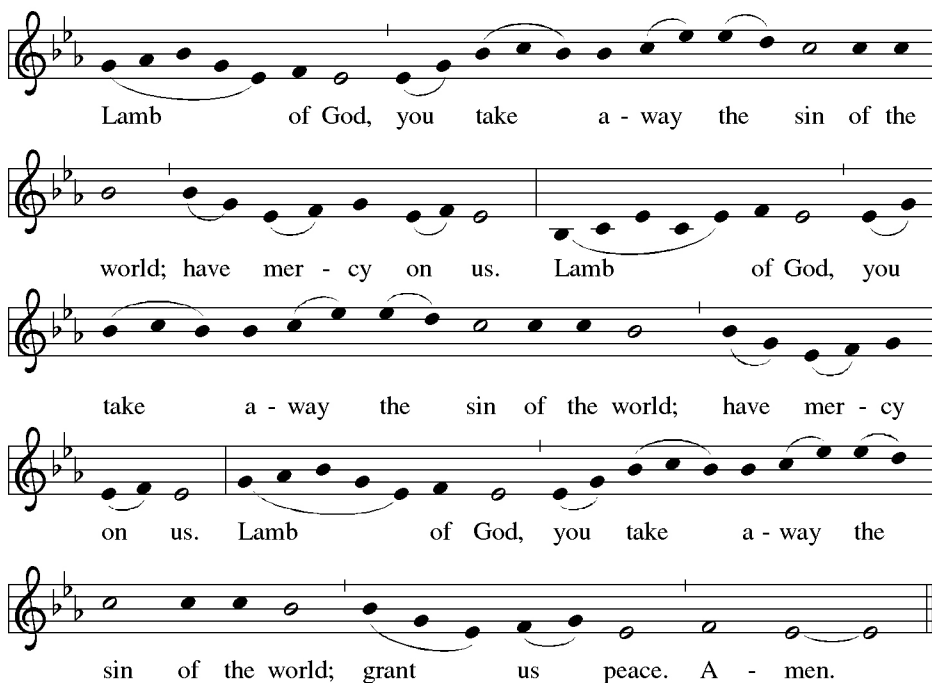
**Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be
thy name, thy king- dom come, thy will be done,**

The musical notation consists of two staves 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. The first staff ends with a repeat sign, and 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. 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 Ecce virgo concipiet [Source: *Liber usualis*]

<i>Ecce virgo concipiet,</i>	Behold, a Virgin shall conceive
<i>Et pariet filium:</i>	and bear a son,
<i>Et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.</i>	And his name shall be called Emmanuel.

#245 COMMUNION HYMN Creator of the Stars of 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.

#435 RECESSIONAL HYMN Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Rhapsody on “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” | Lloyd Webber

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Should God speak, you must be silent; should He enter, created things must give way. When our Lord entered Egypt, [Mt. 2:13-15] all the idols crashed to the ground; those are our false gods, everything that hinders the immediate generation of the divine Word in the soul, however good and holy it may seem. Our Lord tells us that he had come to bring a sword to cut off all that clings to man, even mother, sister, and brother. For that with which you keep intimate company without God, that is hostile to you. The multiplicity of images conceals the divine Word and prevents its birth in you, although the inner stillness may not be entirely removed. Though it may sometimes desert you, it should nevertheless become a fertile ground for the divine birth. Cherish this deep silence within, nourish it frequently, so that it may become a habit, and by becoming a habit, a mighty possession... It is a habit which creates skill. May God help us to prepare a dwelling place for Christ's noble birth, so that we may all attain spiritual motherhood.

Johannes Tauler (1300-1361)

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	Amy Grunewald Mattison	Dave Zentner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Sandy Bertics	Mary Powell, Phyllis & John Pleuss
LECTOR		Heidi Notbohm
CRUCIFER	Sandy Bertics	Paul Brammeier
SACRISTAN	Angela Vitcenda	Dan Ruge
HEAD USHER		
VIDEO DIRECTOR		Lee Powell
SOUND OPERATOR	Randy Eide	Bill Braham

Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License 26456. Hymns reprinted by permission under One-License.net #A-703710. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

