



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JAN. 9, 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 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord (BWV 684) | J.S. Bach

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.

#305 PROCESSIONAL HYMN When Jesus Came to Jordan

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.

GLORIA



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - 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, 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 God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep faithful all who are born of water and the Spirit, that all may rejoice as children of God, 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 *Isaiah 43:1-7*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the cantor.



Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,*

ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;*

worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;*

the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;*

the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;*

the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf;*

and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

The voice | of the Lord*

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;*

the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.*

And in the temple of the Lord all are | crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;*

the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

O Lord, give strength | to your people;*

give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

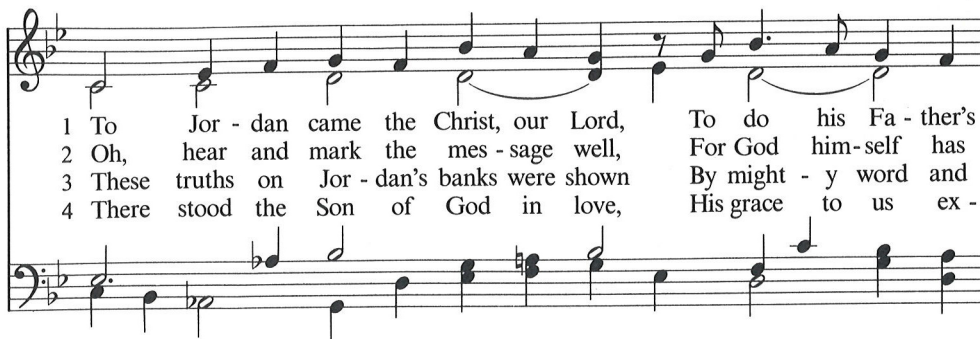
Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord (Stanzas 1-4, 7)

Stanza 1: Cantor/Choir; Stanza 2: All; Stanza 3: High Voices; Stanza 4: Low Voices; Stanza 7: All



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word Was
 spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell And
 won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down, Which
 tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove Up -

giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n-ly wash-ing now shall be
 so re-ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with his Word en - dows
 we do well to pon - der: "This man is my be - lov - ed Son,
 on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as - sur - ing us,

A cleans-ing from trans-gres - sion And, by his blood and ag - o - ny,
 Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing. God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows
 In whom my heart has plea - sure. Him you must hear, and him a - lone,
 With prom - is - es com-pel - ling, That in our bap-tism he will thus

Re - lease from death's op-pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 Our kin - ship, while be-stow - ing The bap-tism of his bless - ing.
 And trust in full - est mea - sure The word that he has spo - ken."
 A - mong us find a dwell - ing To com-fort and sus - tain us.

7. All that the mortal eye beholds
 Is water as we pour it.
 Before the eye of faith unfolds
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
 For here it sees the crimson flood
 To all our ills bring healing;
 The wonders of his precious blood
 The love of God revealing,
 Assuring his own pardon.

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 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord | Wilhelm Zachow

Please stand.

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 the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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. Ho -

san-na. 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.

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.

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.*

#311 COMMUNION HYMN Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life 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.

#304 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Präludium in D Major (BuxWV 139) | Dietrich Buxtehude

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O Jesus, fountain of life, come, give me to drink a cup of the living water which floweth from Thee, that once I have tasted Thee, I may nevermore thirst save for Thee. Immerse my whole being in the depths of Thy mercy. Baptize me in the spotlessness of Thy precious death. Renew me in Thy blood, wherewith Thou hast redeemed me. In the water from Thy most holy side, wash away every stain wherewith I have ever soiled my baptismal innocence. Fill me with Thy Spirit, and take possession of my whole being in purity both of body and soul. Let me always bear upon my shoulders, for love of Thy love, the sweet yoke and light burden of Thy commandments, and constantly taste the mystery of holy faith like a bundle of myrrh upon my breast, that Thou who wast crucified for me mayest abide ever impressed upon my heart. Amen.

Gertrude the Great
(1256-1302)

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	Beth Rahko	George Alexander
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Barb Luedke	Mary Powell, Helen Hartman, Al Larson
LECTOR	Carol Landahl	Judy Braham
CRUCIFER	Peter Rahko	
SACRISTAN	Angela Vitcenda	Cynthia Vander Woude
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