Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

LIVESTREAM BROADCAST

The 9:30 am 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 during summer.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

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



Holy Communion eighth sunday after pentecost sunday, july 31, 2022 | 9:30 am

PRELUDE Priere à Notre Dame from Suite Gothique | Leon Boëllmann

GATHERING

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.#678 PROCESSIONAL HYMN God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Loving God and Father, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of life: Teach us to love what is worthy of you, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:12–14; 2:18–23

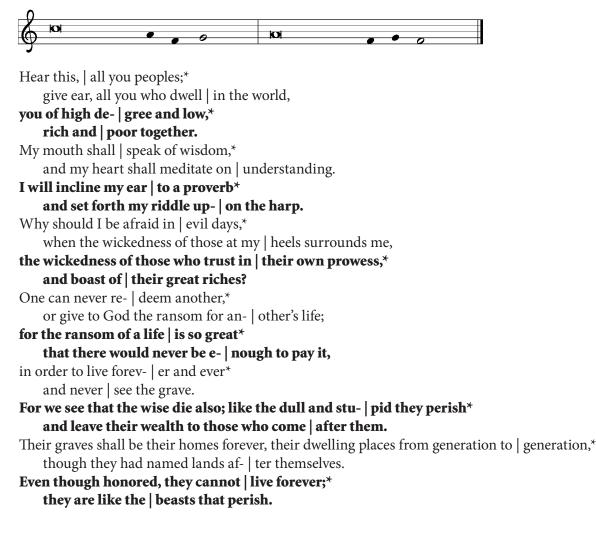
Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me — and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-12

The choir sings the antiphon, "My mouth shall speak of wisdom," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



SECOND READING Colossians 3:1–11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Verse (sung by choir): Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



GOSPEL Luke 12:13–21 Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit. **SERMON**

*Please stand.***#589** HYMN OF THE DAY All Depends on Our Possessing

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 Fill My Life, O Lord My God | Robert Powell

Fill my life, O Lord my God, Fill my life with praise, That my whole being may proclaim Thy love and thy ways. Praise in my going out, O Lord, And in my coming in; Praise in each duty and each deed, Now let my praise be gin.

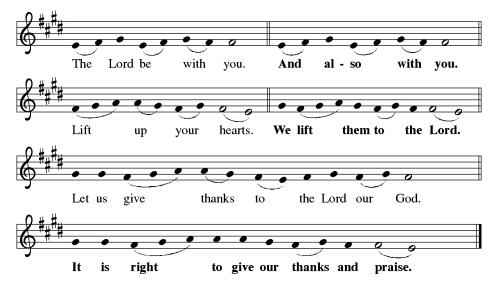
So, O Lord, from even me Shall thou receive the glory due, And so shall I on earth begin The song for ever new. Fill my life, O Lord, my God, Fill my life with praise; That my whole being may proclaim Thy love and thy ways. O fill my life with praise!

Please stand. **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

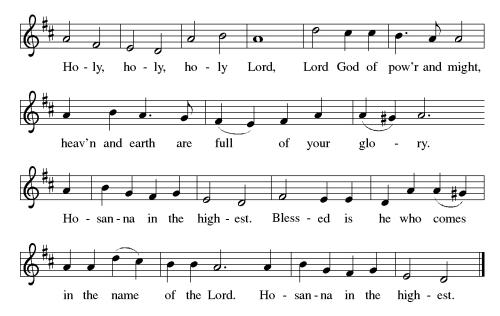
Let us pray.

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



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

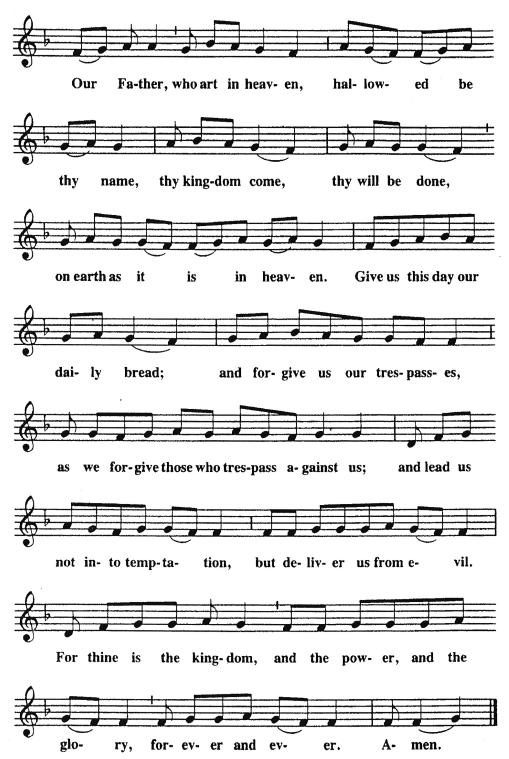
You are indeed holy... until he comes.



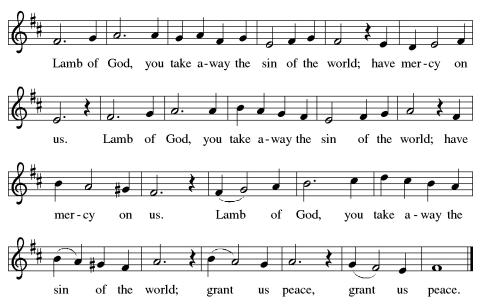
Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER



Please sit. LAMB OF GOD



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. *Gluten-free bread is available on request.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Sonata in C Major, Op. 1 #7 | Georg Frideric Handel

I. Larghetto IV. Allegro

#425 COMMUNION HYMN Behold the Host Arrayed in White

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.#545 RECESSIONAL HYMN Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata in Seven | John Rutter

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus,

It is my great comfort to know that, where I have been, you have been before.

You had a day's work to do just as I have a day's work to do.

You were tempted just as I am tempted.

You were distressed in mind in Gethsemane just as I am distressed in mind.

You had to suffer pain and your pain was far worse than mine.

You are the Resurrection and the Life, because you died and rose again, and you are alive always and for ever, and once and for all you conquered death.

So I am quite sure that whatever happens to me, you have been there; you are there; you will be there; to the end of time and beyond.

Amen.

William Barclay (1907–1978)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor Rebecca Ninke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Dylan Oelkers, Tamara Gruber
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Grunewald Mattison
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Dan Ruge, Phyllis Pleuss, Sandy Bertics
CRUCIFER	Alex Linn
LECTOR	Peter Mahler
SACRISTAN	Sandy Bertics
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Jeff Van Fleet, Jim Nelson, Sue Bangert

Our thanks to Karen & Ron Nelson for their musical offerings today.

Today we remember the inurnment of George Bush in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read his page in the memory books.

Sue Bangert & Mike Hammers have given altar flowers in memory of Sherman Bangert.

Martha Taylor has given altar flowers in memory of Jens & Kirsten Hougen, who immigrated from Norway in 1857, on the occasion of 65 years of Hougen reunions.

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