



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022 | 9:30 AM

## 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](http://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](http://www.luthermem.org) or Facebook

PRELUDE *Prélude from 24 Pièces en style libre* | Louis Vierne

## GATHERING

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

#557 PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

### 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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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.



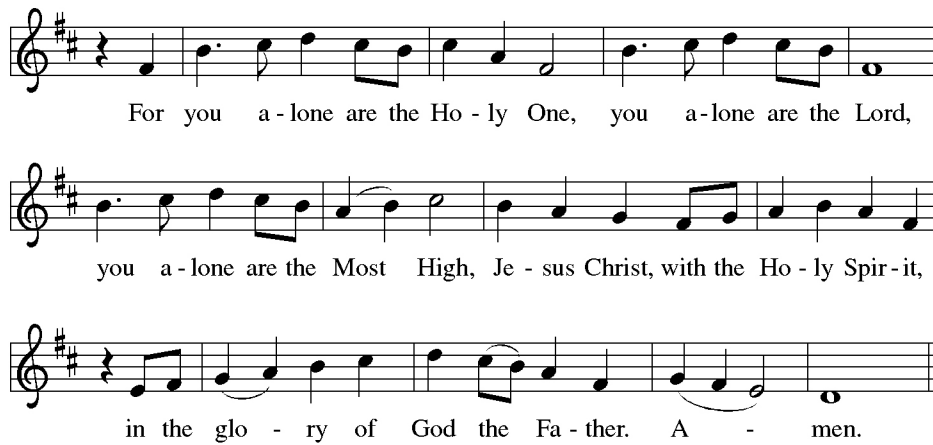
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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 sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

*Please sit.*

**FIRST READING** *Genesis 15:1-6*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 33:12-22**

*The choir sings the antiphon, “Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you,” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



Happy is the nation whose God | is the Lord!\*

Happy the people chosen to | be God’s heritage!

**The Lord looks | down from heaven,\***

**and sees all | humankind.**

God sits firmly en- | throned and watches\*

all who dwell | on the earth.

**God fashions | all their hearts\*  
and observes | all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by the size | of the army,\*  
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.

**The horse gives vain | hope for victory;\*  
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O Lord,\*  
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,

**to deliver their | lives from death,\*  
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**

Our innermost being waits for | you, O Lord,\*  
our helper | and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,\*  
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,\*  
even as we place our | hope in you.

**SECOND READING** *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verse (sung by choir):* Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

**GOSPEL** *Luke 12:32–40*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**#244 HYMN OF THE DAY** Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

**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** Consider | Roland Martin

Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:—  
We are as they; Like them we fade away, As doth a leaf.

Consider  
The sparrows of the air of small account:  
Our God doth view  
Whether they fall or mount,—  
He guards us too.

Consider  
The lilies that do neither spin nor toil,  
Yet are most fair:—

What profits all this care  
And all this coil?

Consider  
The birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;  
God gives them food:—  
Much more our Father seeks  
to do us good.

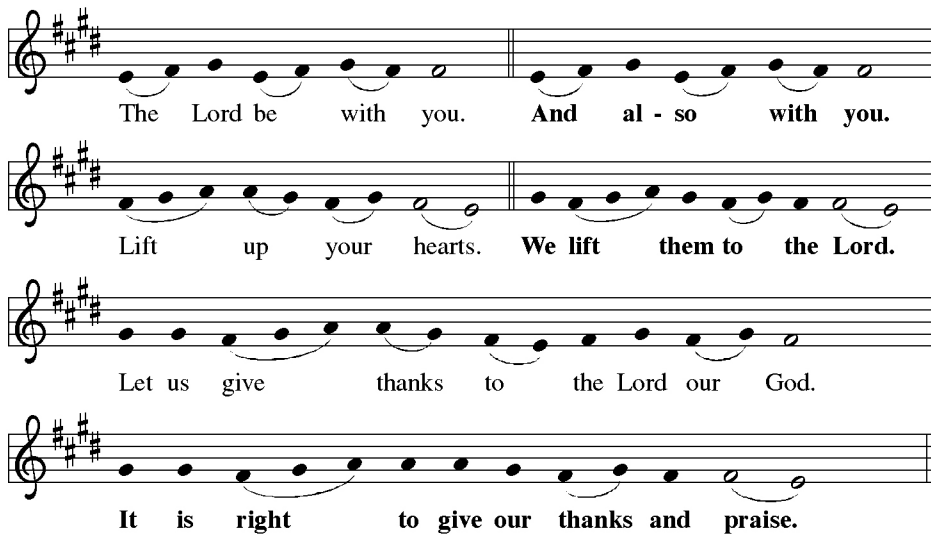
*Please stand.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

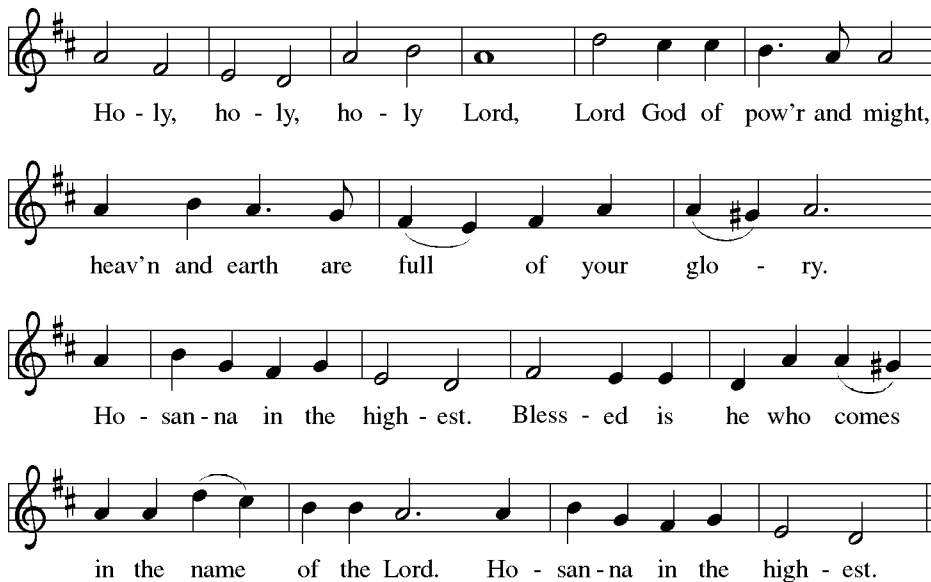
**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

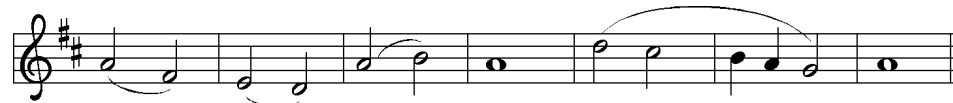
## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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



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, 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.*

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

**MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION** Adoration | Florence Price

**#856 COMMUNION HYMN** How Great Thou Art

*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.*

#534 RECESSIONAL HYMN Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Divertissement *from 24 Pièces en style libre* | Louis Vierne









## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

It takes all sorts to make a world; or a church. This may be even truer of a church. If grace perfects nature it must expand all our natures into the full richness of the diversity which God intended when He made them, and Heaven will display far more variety than Hell. "One fold" doesn't mean "one pool." Cultivated roses and daffodils are no more alike than wild roses and daffodils. What pleased me most about a Greek Orthodox mass I once attended was that there seemed to be no prescribed behaviour for the congregation. Some stood, some knelt, some sat, some walked; one crawled about the floor like a caterpillar. And the beauty of it was that nobody took the slightest notice of what anyone else was doing. I wish we Anglicans would follow their example. One meets people who are perturbed because some in the next pew does, or does not, cross himself. They oughtn't even to have seen, let alone censured. "Who art thou that judgest Another's servant?"

C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)  
*Letters to Malcom: Chiefly on Prayer*

## SERVING TODAY

<b>PRESIDER</b>	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
<b>PREACHER</b>	Vicar Alex Linn
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Andrew Schaeffer
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Sophie Niemann, Matilda Niemann
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Luis Reynaldo
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Karole Leadholm, Judy Braham, Janelle Allen
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Judy Braham
<b>LECTOR</b>	Deb Raasch
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Peggy Baldwin
<b>AUDIO</b>	
<b>VIDEO</b>	Alex Starr
<b>USHERS</b>	Yvonne & Randy Eide, Jeff Van Fleet, Marsha Steffen

**Baptized today is Zoe Grzesiak**, daughter of Meg & Brad Grzesiak.

**Our thanks to Rolf Wolfsberg**, violin, for playing this morning.

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