



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

FESTIVAL OF THE NAME OF JESUS

SUNDAY, JAN. 1, 2023 | 10:30 AM

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

LIVESTREAM BROADCAST

This 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 available 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.

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 *Où s'en vont ces gais Bergers* | Jean-Francois Dandrieu
Where are these happy shepherds going?

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.

#273 PROCESSIONAL HYMN All My Heart Again Rejoices

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

Assisting minister



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

All



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.

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, 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 *Numbers 6:22–27*

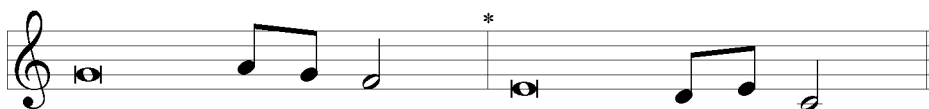
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

The cantor sings the antiphon, “How majestic is your name in all the earth!” before and after the psalm. The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the cantor.



O | Lord our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;*
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,*
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,*
human beings that you should | care for them?
Yet you have made them little less | than divine;*
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
all | flocks and cattle,*
even the wild beasts | of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,*
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.
O | Lord our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

SECOND READING *Galatians 4:4–7*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL



Verse (sung by cantor): At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

GOSPEL *Luke 2:15-21*

Glorify to you, O Lord.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#620 **HYMN OF THE DAY** How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

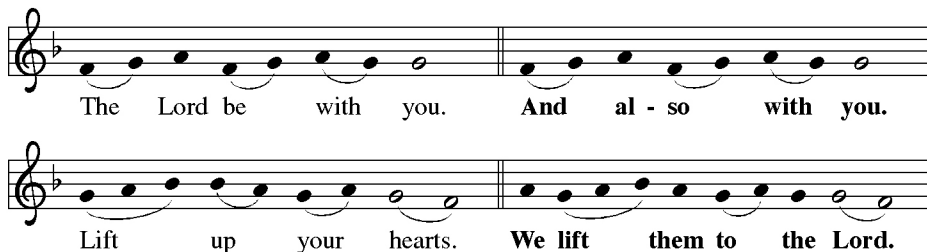
Please sit.
OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Of the Father's Love Begotten | arr. Lynn Trapp

Please stand.
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. 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



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.

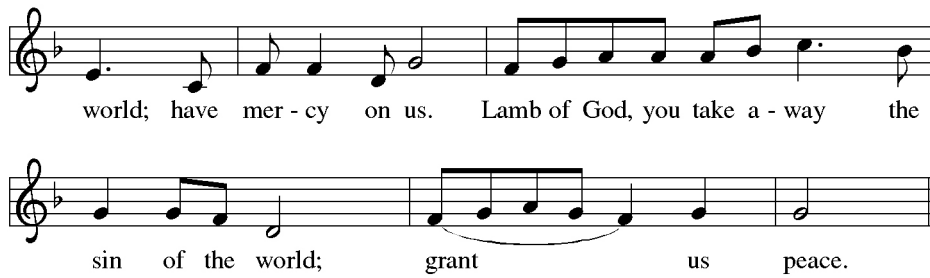
LAMB OF GOD



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



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 who choose not 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 He, Whom Shepherds Once Came Praising | Helmut Walcha

#298 COMMUNION HYMN The Bells of Christmas

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.

#299 RECESSIONAL HYMN Cold December Flies Away

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE In Dulci Jubilo | Norman Dello Joio

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Gentle Lord Jesus Christ, who was circumcised on the eighth day, shedding the first drops of blood for our sins, to redeem us from the grievous burden and awful curse of the law, we call upon you with our whole hearts, to circumcise our hearts, taking away the veil of our unbelief and choking out all sinful lusts and desires of the flesh, that we may become new creatures, comforted in every time of need by your most Holy Name; and, as children of the new covenant, love one another until we shall all be finally gathered unto you, our Savior. Amen.

*J. K. Wilhelm Loehe
(1808-1872)*

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