



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

3 ADVENT

SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 2022 | 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. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9:15-11:45 am.

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 *Quia Respexit from Magnificat* (BWV 243) | J. S. Bach

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae.

Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent

For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

Behold, from henceforth, I will be called blessed

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.







#242 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

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

<i>Cantor/Choir</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
	
	
	

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; 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 35:1–10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE My Soul Gives Glory to the Lord | Michael Joncas

Stanza 1 sung by Children's Choir; stanzas 2 & 3 sung by all

Magnificat anima mea
Tr. by John T. Mueller, 1940

MAGNIFICAT, LMD
Michael Joncas, b.1951
Harm. by Mark V. Smith, b.1956



1. My soul + gives glo - ry to the Lord, In
2. His mer - cy goes to all who fear, From
3. He raised his ser - vant Is - ra - el, Re-



God my Sav - ior I re - joice. My
age to age and to all parts. His
mem - b'ring his e - ter - nal grace, As



low - li - ness he did re - gard, Ex-
arm of strength to all is near; He
from of old he did fore - tell To



alt - ing me by his own choice.
scat - ters those who have proud hearts.
A - bra - ham and all his race.



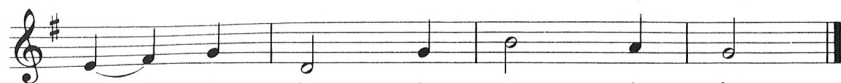
From this day all shall call me blest, For
He casts the might - y from their throne And
O Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it blest, In



he has done great things for me, Of
rais - es those of low de - gree; He
three - fold Name are you a - dored, To



all great names his is the best, For
feeds the hun - gry as his own, The
you be ev - 'ry prayer ad - drest, From



it is ho - ly; strong is he.
rich de - part in pov - er - ty.
age to age the on - ly Lord.

Music: © 1979, 1986, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: See, I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you.

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#266 HYMN OF THE DAY All Earth Is Hopeful

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 Prepare Thyself, Zion | J. S. Bach; arr. Michael Burkhardt

Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender affection, the purest, the fairest, this day to receive, the beautiful, the dear one soon near you to see.

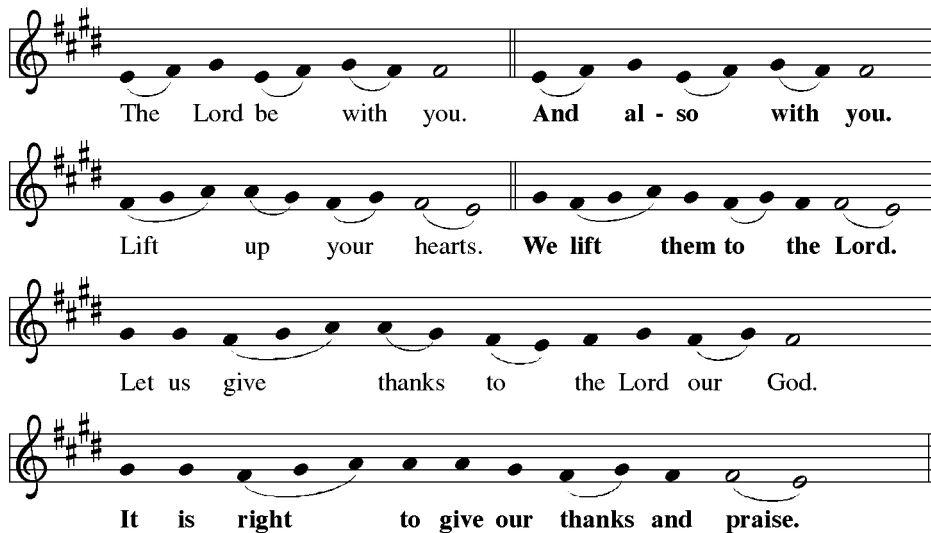
Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



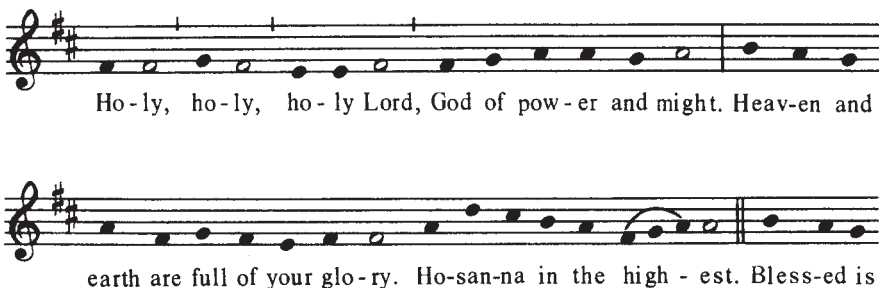
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

With this bread and cup... We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER *(See inside back cover of hymnal)*

Please sit.

AGNUS DEI



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. 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 Partita on Wachet Auf | Wayne Wold
II. Pastorale “Zion hears the watchmen singing”

#254 **COMMUNION HYMN** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.

#259 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Fling Wide the Door

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel* | Adolphus Hailstork

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and merciful God, who art the Strength of the weak, the Refreshment of the weary, the Comfort of the sad, the Help of the tempted, the Life of the dying, the God of patience and of all consolation; Thou knowest full well the inner weakness of our nature, how we tremble and quiver before pain, and cannot bear the Cross without Thy divine help and support. Help me, then, O eternal and pitying God, help me to possess my soul in patience, to keep faith with Thee even unto death; so shall I be strengthened with power according to Thy glorious might, in all patience and long suffering; I shall be enabled to endure pain and temptation and, in the depth of my suffering and discipline, hold fast and true, and by Thy grace to praise Thee with a joyful and steadfast heart. Amen.

*Johann Habermann
(1516-1590)*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR	Ken Sosinski
ACOLYTES	Ben Blackmore, Dylan Oelkers
ASSISTING MINISTER	George Alexander
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Kris Gruber-Twardy, Janet Zentner, Randy Raasch
CRUCIFER	Vicar Alex Linn
LECTOR	Deb Raasch
SACRISTAN	Vicar Alex Linn
AUDIO	
VIDEO	
USHERS	Carl Anderson, Jeff Van Fleet, Paul Schmidt, Phyllis Pleuss

Our thanks to musicians Maggie Stansfield, soprano, and Margret Bradley, oboe. Our thanks also to Libby Staton for playing the music at Communion. Libby recently retired after decades of work as a Lutheran church musician. She is also the mother of our vicar, Alex Linn.

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

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