



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

4 ADVENT

SUNDAY, DEC. 18, 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 Partita on “Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland” | Hugo Distler

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.

#257

PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel







Stanzas 1-3 sung by all; stanza 4 by organ; stanza 5 sung by low voices; stanza 6 sung by high voices; stanzas 7 & 8 sung by all

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.

Stir up your power, O Lord Jesus, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sin and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and always serve you; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10–16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

The choir sings the antiphon, “Show the light of your countenance, O God, and we shall be saved” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and | we shall be saved.

O Lord | God of hosts,*

how long will you be angered despite the | prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the | bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,*
and our enemies | laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O | God of hosts;*

show the light of your countenance, and | we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your | right hand,*
the son of man you have made so | strong for yourself.

And so will we never | turn away from you;*

give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and | we shall be saved.

SECOND READING Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When

Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#263 HYMN OF THE DAY Savior of the Nations, Come

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 Chorus from *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 61 | J.S. Bach

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,
Der Jungfrauen Kind erkannt,
Des sich wundert alle Welt,
Gott solch Geburt ihm bestellt.*

Now come, Savior of the heathens,
known as the Virgin's child,
over whom the whole world marvels,
that God had ordained such a birth for Him.

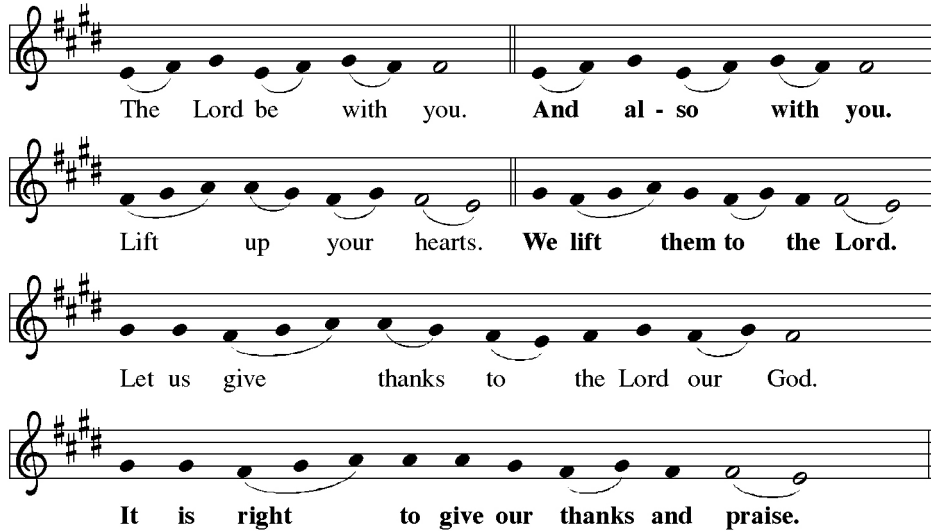
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

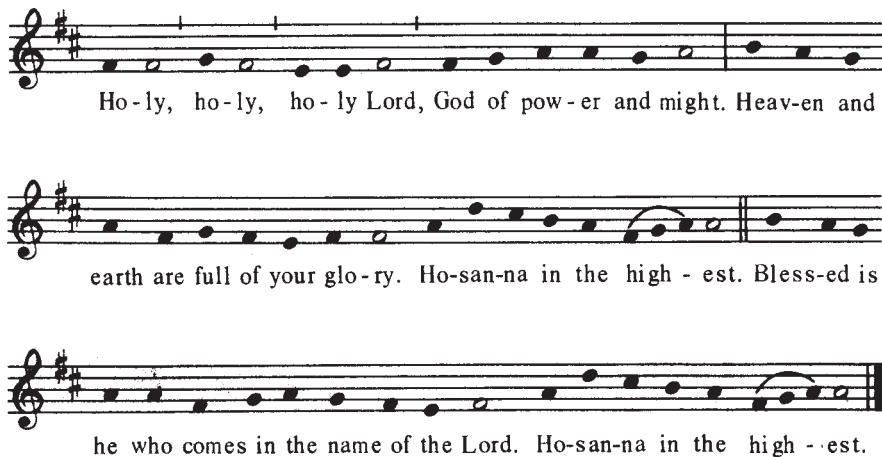
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

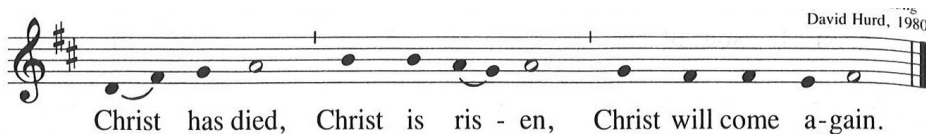
SANCTUS



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.

David Hurd, 1980

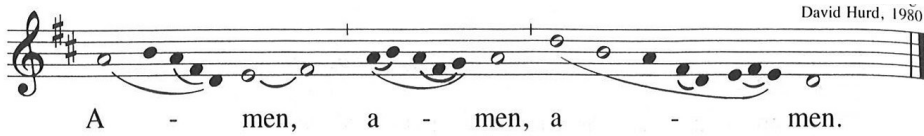
With this bread and cup... We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Come, Holy Spirit.

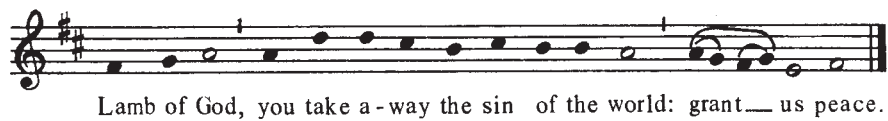
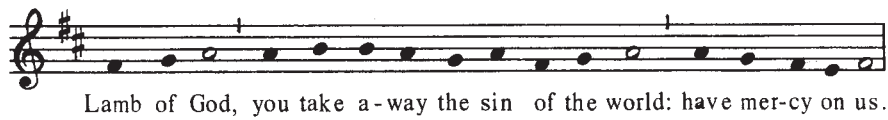
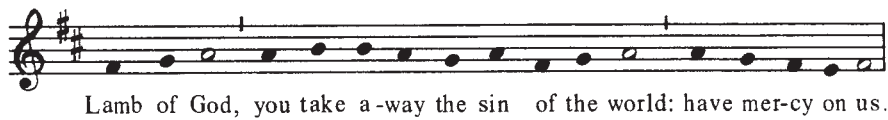
All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



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

Please sit.

AGNUS DEI



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 Two settings on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* | Andreas Raselius & Andreas Scandellus

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #248 People, Look East
- #247 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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.

#435 RECESSIONAL HYMN Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata on “Hark! The Glad Sound” | arr. Paul Bouman

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lord, do not let us do more if in doing less we might do it better. Do not let us acquire more if in living with less we might know Thee better. We are easily swayed by size, equating quantity with quality, wealth with security, and applause with popularity. Forgive us for spreading ourselves thin for the sake of appearances. Permit us to amend our ways lest we miss the Baby in the stable, the Lad in the carpenter's shop, the Teacher on the hillside, and the Christ on the Cross. Amen.

E. Lee Phillips
(b. 1941)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
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ASSISTING MINISTER	Dave Zentner
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LECTOR	Nicole Lane Starr
SACRISTAN	Karen Harris
AUDIO	Jon Schneider
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Bob Uphoff, Chris Uphoff, Solveig Rossi

Our thanks to the Recorder Ensemble for their musical leadership.

Altar flowers are given by Mary Jean Huston in memory of Ralph E. Huston.

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