



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JAN. 8, 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 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord BuxWV 180 |
Dietrich Buxtehude

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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

#305 PROCESSIONAL HYMN When Jesus Came to Jordan

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.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit at his baptism and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep faithful all who are born of water and the Spirit, that all may live as children of God, 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 42:1–9

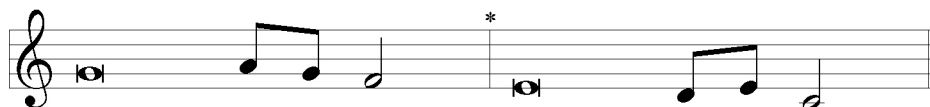
Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

The choir sings the antiphon, “The voice of the Lord is upon the waters,” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God’s name; *

worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

The voice | of the Lord *

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees wither and strips the | forests bare.*

And in the temple of the Lord all are | crying, “Glory!”

The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; *

the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

O Lord, give strength | to your people; *

give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 10:34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL



Choir: A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13–17*

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

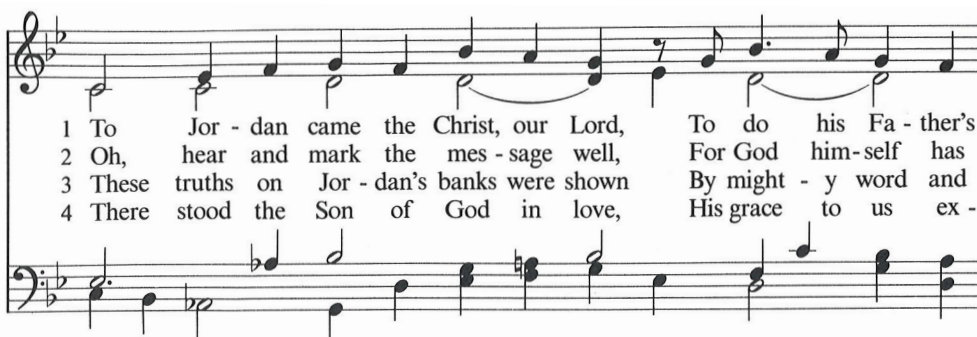
Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Stanza 1: Choir; Stanza 2: All; Stanza 3: High Voices; Stanza 4: Low Voices; Stanza 5: Organ; Stanzas 6 & 7: All



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word Was
 spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell And
 won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down, Which
 tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove Up -

giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n-ly wash-ing now shall be
 so re-ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with his Word en - dows
 we do well to pon - der: "This man is my be - lov - ed Son,
 on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as - sur - ing us,

A cleans-ing from trans-gres - sion And, by his blood and ag - o - ny,
 Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing. God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows
 In whom my heart has plea - sure. Him you must hear, and him a - lone,
 With prom - is - es com-pel - ling, That in our bap-tism he will thus

Re - lease from death's op-pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 Our kin - ship, while be-stow - ing The bap-tism of his bless - ing.
 And trust in full - est mea - sure The word that he has spo - ken."
 A - mong us find a dwell - ing To com-fort and sus - tain us.

5 To his disciples spoke the Lord,
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,
 And bring to them the living Word
 And this my invitation:
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin
 And come in true contrition
 To be baptized, and thereby win
 Full pardon and remission,
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside
 This grace so freely given;
 They shall in sin and shame abide
 And to despair be driven.
 For born in sin, their works must fail,
 Their striving saves them never;
 Their pious acts do not avail,
 And they are lost forever,
 Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds
 Is water as we pour it.
 Before the eye of faith unfolds
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
 For here it sees the crimson flood
 To all our ills bring healing;
 The wonders of his precious blood
 The love of God revealing,
 Assuring his own pardon.

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 Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day | arr. Berkley Guse

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance;
Refrain: Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man's nature
To call my true love to my dance. *Refrain.*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance. *Refrain.*

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard I from above,
To call my true love to my dance. *Refrain.*

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.



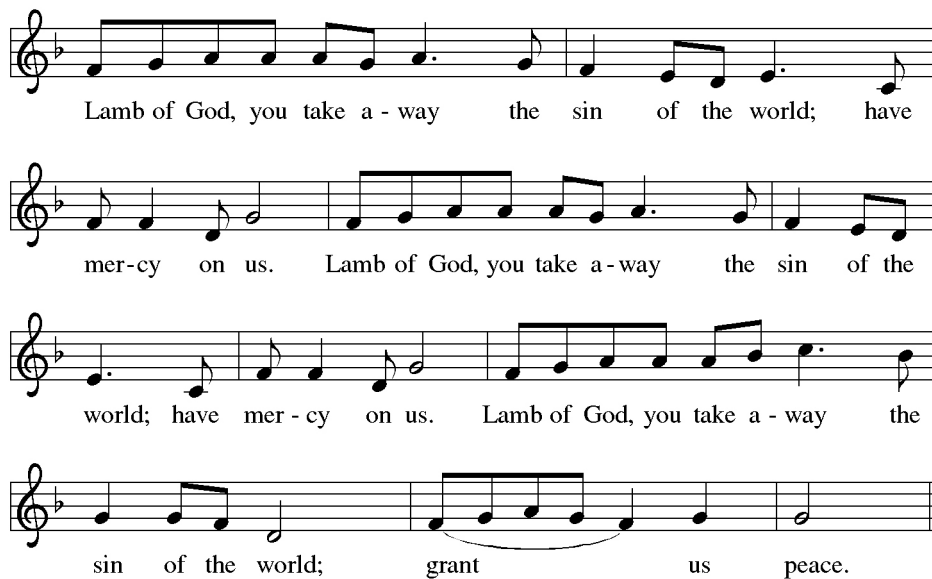
For thine is the king- dom, and the pow- er, and the



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
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; 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 The Baptism of Jesus | Peter Hallock

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. (Today, Jesus returned from the Jordan.)

When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in the place.

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. (This is my Son, listen to him.)

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord, the Father said this blessed word:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Now, Jesus as thou art both God and man, and were baptized in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

#445 COMMUNION HYMN Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

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.

#310 RECESSIONAL HYMN Songs of Thoughtfulness and Praise

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Präludium, Fuga, and Ciacona, BuxWV 137 | Dietrich Buxtehude

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O Jesus, fountain of life, come, give me to drink a cup of the living water which floweth from Thee, that once I have tasted Thee, I may nevermore thirst save for Thee. Immerse my whole being in the depths of Thy mercy. Baptize me in the spotlessness of Thy precious death. Renew me in Thy blood, wherewith Thou hast redeemed me. In the water from Thy most holy side, wash away every stain wherewith I have ever soiled my baptismal innocence. Fill me with Thy Spirit, and take possession of my whole being in purity both of body and soul. Let me always bear upon my shoulders, for love of Thy love, the sweet yoke and light burden of Thy commandments, and constantly taste the mystery of holy faith like a bundle of myrrh upon my breast, that Thou who wast crucified for me mayest abide ever impressed upon my heart. Amen.

Gertrude the Great
(1256-1302)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
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