

Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

2 EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JAN. 15, 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.

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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
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 luthermem.org or Facebook

PRELUDE Two Settings of "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" | Max Reger, Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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.#308 PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, our strength and our redeemer, by your holy Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, and joyfully follow you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

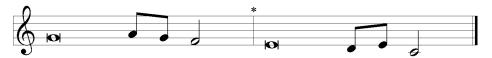
Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-11

The choir sings the antiphon, "I love to do your will, O my God," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



I waited patiently up- on the Lord, *

who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay, * and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.

The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust | in the Lord! *

They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!*

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.

Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire; *

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required.

And so I said, "Here I | am; I come. *

In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

'I love to do your will, | O my God; *

your law is | deep within me."

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; *

I have not restrained my lips, O | Lord, you know.

I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;*

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me; * may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. **GOSPEL**



Choir: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people

GOSPEL John 1:29-42

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#311 HYMN OF THE DAY Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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 Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn | Johann Sebastian Bach

Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God

Vaters in Ewigkeit,the Father from eternity,Aus sein Herzen entsprossen,sprung from his heart,Gleichwie geschrieben steht,as it stands written:Er is der Morgensterne,He is the morning star,

Sein Glänzen streckt er ferne who makes his radiance shine far

Vor andern Sternen klar; beyond all other stars;

Lass uns in deiner Liebe und Kenntnis nehmen zu, dass wir am Glauben bleiben, dir dienen im Geist so, dass wir hier mögen schmecken dein Süßigkeit im Herzen und dürsten stets nach dir. Grant to us that in your love and knowledge we may increase, that we may remain in the faith, serve you in spirit in such a way that we may here taste your sweetness in our hearts and constantly thirst for you.

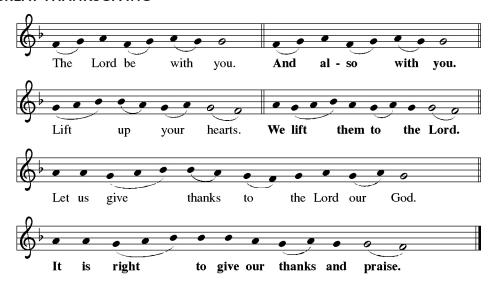
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

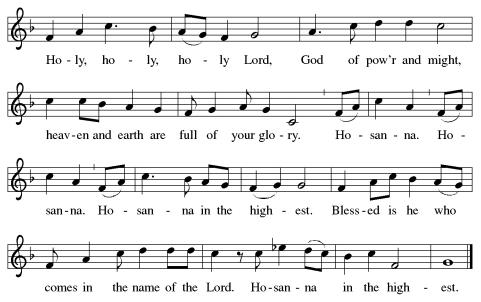
Let us pray.

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



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



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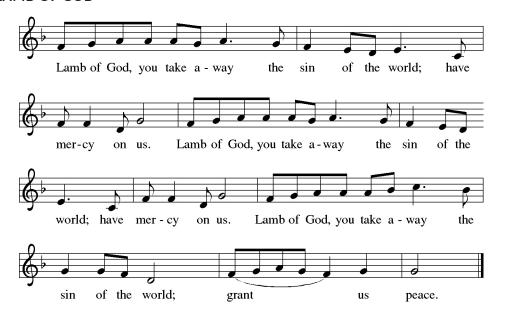
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Please sit.

LAMB OF GOD



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 Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light | Mark Schweizer

#696 COMMUNION HYMN Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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.

#314 RECESSIONAL HYMN Arise, Your Light Has Come!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! | arr. Paul Manz

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

O Lord Jesus, we praise Thee, that Thou didst come among us, a gracious gift to the ungrateful race of men, and, undismayed by our sin and blindness didst live out Thy life of holiness and power, bringing health and peace to all who came to Thee.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, for Thy loneliness and failure, for Thy stress of spirit and Thy strong prayer, for Thy Cross upon the hill, for Thy death that giveth life, for Thy life that overcometh death, we worship Thee our Lord and Master, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

A Book of Prayer for Students

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER The Rev. David Berggren

PREACHER Vicar Alex Linn

ORGANIST Andrew Schaeffer

ACOLYTE Ben Blackmore

ASSISTING MINISTER Mary Jean Huston

COMMUNION ASSISTANT John Pleuss, Phyllis Pleuss, Jane Hall

CRUCIFER Brian Uphoff

LECTOR Kelly Olson

SACRISTAN Karen Harris

AUDIO Bill Braham

VIDEO Lee Powell

USHERS Bob Uphoff, Chris Uphoff, Solveig Rossi

Our thanks to Maggie Stansfield, soprano, for singing this morning.

Our thanks to the Rev. David Berggren for presiding today. Prs. Pohlman and Worzala Dumke are away on continuing education and will return Thursday.

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

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