



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

5 LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 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. 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
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PRELUDE Jesus, Lover of My Soul | arr. Linda Lamb

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Cleanse me from sin, O Lord, wash me with hyssop branches; cleanse me from guilt, and I shall be clean as the new snow.

Have mercy on me, O my God, according to your great compassion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

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

#666 PROCESSIONAL HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This

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.

TRISAGION

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Christ came into the world to free us from death. Breathe your Spirit upon us and raise us to new life, that we might live and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord

God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Out | of the depths*

I cry to | you, O Lord;

O Lord, | hear my voice!*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

If you were to keep watch | over sins,*

O Lord, | who could stand?

Yet with you | is forgiveness,*

in order that you | may be feared.

I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits;*

in your word | is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,*

more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love;*

with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.

For the Lord shall | redeem Israel*

from | all their sins.

SECOND READING Romans 8:6–11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law — indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Choir: I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die.

GOSPEL John 11:1–45

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,

“Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#750 HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
Stanzas 1 & 3 sung by all; stanza 2 sung by choir

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 De Profundis, K 93 | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

<i>De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine;</i>	Out of the deep have I called unto thee,
<i>Domine, exaudi vocem meam</i>	O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
<i>Fiant aures tuæ intendentēs</i>	O let thine ears consider well:
<i>In vocem deprecationis meæ</i>	the voice of my complaint.
<i>Si iniquitates observaveris</i>	If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:
<i>Domine, Domine, quis sustinebit?</i>	O Lord, who may abide it?
<i>Quia apud te propitiatio est;</i>	For there is mercy with thee:
<i>Et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine</i>	therefore shalt thou be feared.
<i>Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus:</i>	I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.
<i>Speravit anima mea in Domino</i>	My soul fleeth unto the Lord:
<i>A custodia matutina usque ad noctem</i>	before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.
<i>Speret Israël in Domino</i>	O Israel, trust in the Lord,
<i>Quia apud Dominum misericordia</i>	for with the Lord there is mercy:
<i>Et copiosa apud eum redemptio</i>	and with him is plenteous redemption.
<i>Et ipse redimet Israël</i>	And he shall redeem Israel:
<i>Ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus</i>	from all his sins.

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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values and rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father... both now and forever.

Amen.

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

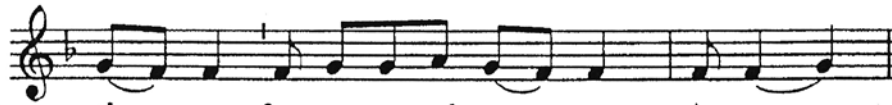
The musical notation for the Lord's Prayer consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values and rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



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



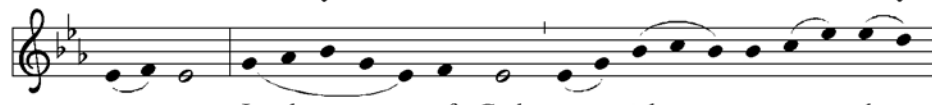
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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. A - men.

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 Ah, Holy Jesus | Cathy Moklebust

#485 COMMUNION HYMN I Am the Bread of Life

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.

#339 RECESSIONAL HYMN Christ, the Life of All the Living

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Forty Days and Forty Nights | Leo Sowerby

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

By your mercy, we were created.
And by your mercy we were
created anew in your Son's blood.
It is your mercy that preserves us.
Your mercy made your Son play
death against life and life against
death on the wood of the cross. In
him life confounded the death that
is our sin, even while that same
death of sin robbed the spotless
Lamb of his bodily life. But who
was conquered? Death! And how?
By your mercy! Your mercy if life-
giving. It is the light in which both
the upright and sinners discover
your goodness. Your mercy shines
forth in your saints in the height of
heaven. And if I turn to the earth,
your mercy is everywhere. Even
in the darkness of hell your mercy
shines... You temper your justice
with mercy. In mercy you cleansed
us in the blood: in mercy you kept
company with your creatures.
O mad lover! It was not enough
for you to take on our humanity:
you had to die as well! Nor was
death enough: You descended to
the depths to summon our holy
ancestors and fulfill your truth
and mercy in them. Your goodness
promises good to those who serve
you in truth, so you went to call
these servants of yours from their
suffering to reward them for their
labors. [I Peter 3:19] I see your
mercy pressing you to give us even
more when you leave yourself
with us as food to strengthen our
weakness... Every day you give
us this food, showing us yourself
in the sacrament of the altar
within the mystic body of holy
Church. And what has done this?
Your mercy. O mercy! My heart is
engulfed with the thought of you.
For wherever I turn my thoughts I
find nothing but mercy!

Catherine of Sienna (1347-1380)

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