



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in 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.

HYMNAL

The red hymnal in the pew in front of you contains much of the music used in this service. Page numbers are in the front part of the hymnal on the bottom of the page, while hymns are found towards the rear of the hymnal.

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

PROCESSION

All gather in the narthex at 10:15 am for procession around the block. Those who do not desire to walk around the block may be seated in the nave. Please stand when the cross enters the nave.

GATHERING

GREETING

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL *Luke 19:28-40*

Glory to you, O Lord.

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. We give thanks for the great acts of love in Jesus Christ by whom you have redeemed the world. Christ entered Jerusalem on this day and was acclaimed Son of David, King of kings, by those who spread their garments and palms along his path.

Bless these palms branches and those who bear them. Grant that we may ever hail Christ our King, take up his cross and follow him through death into life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

#344 PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

#345 HYMN Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (*Stanza 1*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your boundless mercy, form us in his obedience and lead us to the glorious victory of his risen and eternal life. We ask this in the name of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

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



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.
**I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.**
Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.
I have said, “You | are my God.
My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”

Please stand.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW *Matthew 27:11-54*

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passion of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #342 There in God’s Garden

Stanzas 1 & 2 sung by all; stanza 3 sung by high voices; stanza 4 sung by low voices; stanzas 5 & 6 sung by all.

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.

MEAL

Please sit.

OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Were You There? | arr. Bob Chilcott

The text may be found at hymn # 353

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.

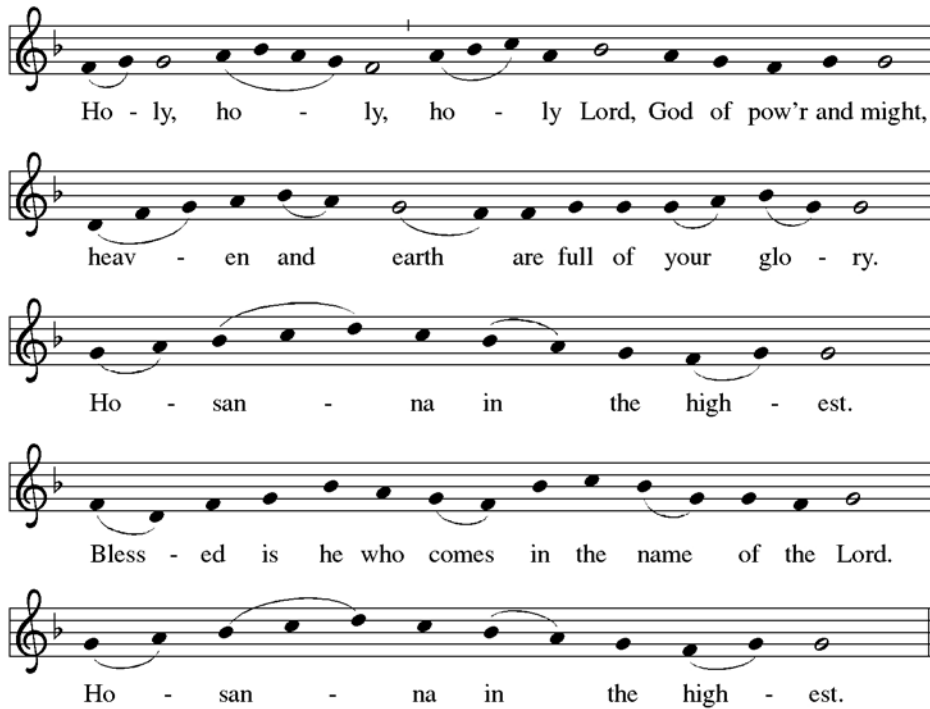
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



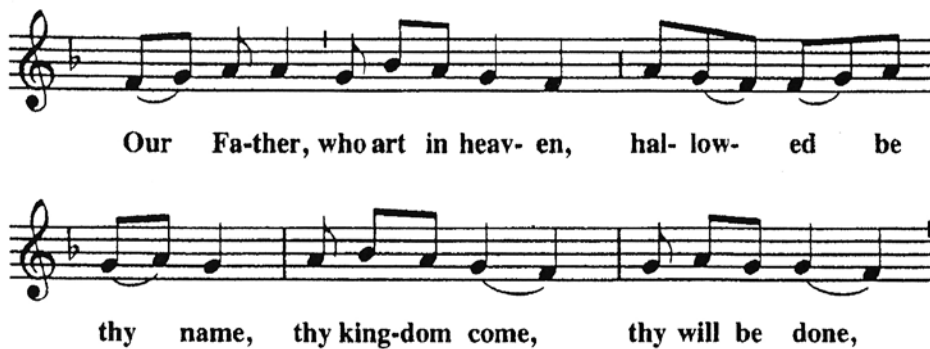
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



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

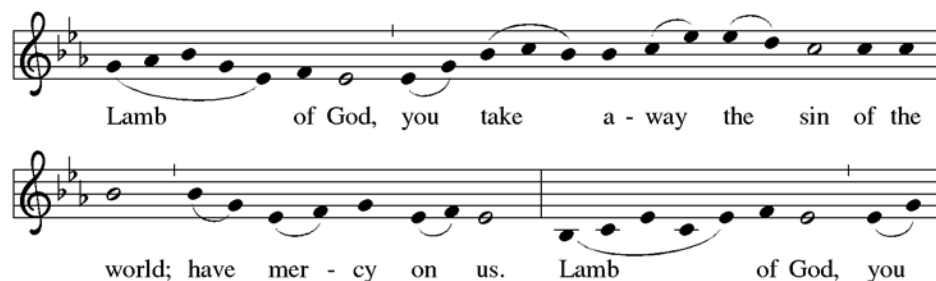
THE COMMUNION

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.*

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.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Jesus, I Will Ponder Now | Paul Manz

COMMUNION HYMN #343 My Song Is Love Unknown

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #346 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please depart in silence.

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The cross teaches us to believe in hope even when there is no hope. The wisdom of the cross is deeply hidden in a profound mystery. In fact there is no other way to heaven than taking up the cross of Christ. On account of this we must beware that the active life with its good works, and the contemplative life with its speculations, do not lead us astray. Both are most attractive and yield peace of mind, but for that very reason they hide real dangers, unless they are tempered by the cross and disturbed by adversaries. The cross is the surest path of all. Blessed is the one who understands this truth.

Martin Luther
(1483-1546)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Judy Braham, Dylan Oelkers
ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Jean Huston
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Judy Braham, Phyllis Pleuss, Janet Zentner
LECTOR	Michael Bradley
CRUCIFER	Branden Metzler
SACRISTAN	Karen Harris
HEAD USHER	Robert Steffen
USHERS	Marsha Steffen, Nicole Lane Starr, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Paul Twardy
AUDIO & VIDEO	Alex Starr

Our thanks to Rolf Wulfsberg, violin, for playing this morning.

Today we remember the inurnments of Eric Knaak, Magnus Tveite and Donald Wendt in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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