



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

7 EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 | 10:30 AM

# 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. 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](http://www.luthermem.org) or Facebook

**PRELUDE** Four Norwegian Folk Hymns | Eyvind Alnaes; arr. Joel Newman

## GATHERING

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

**#810 PROCESSIONAL HYMN** O Jesus, I Have Promised

### 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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your presence, 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** Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35**

*The choir sings the antiphon, "Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered; \*  
let those who | hate God flee.

**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away; \***

**as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God; \*  
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds; \***

**I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!**

In your holy habita- | tion, O God, \*  
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom; \***

**but the rebels shall live in | desert places.**

O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people, \*  
when you marched | through the wilderness,

**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai, \***  
**at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.**

You sent a bountiful | rain, O God; \*  
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

**Your people found their | home in it; \***

**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth; \*  
sing praises | to the Lord.

**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens; \***

**you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.**

Ascribe pow- | er to God, \*  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.

**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel, \***

**giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!**

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Choir: I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you.

**GOSPEL** John 17:1–11

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**#404 HYMN OF THE DAY** Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Rite of Confirmation p. 234

**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** Give Glory, All Creation | arr. John Leavitt

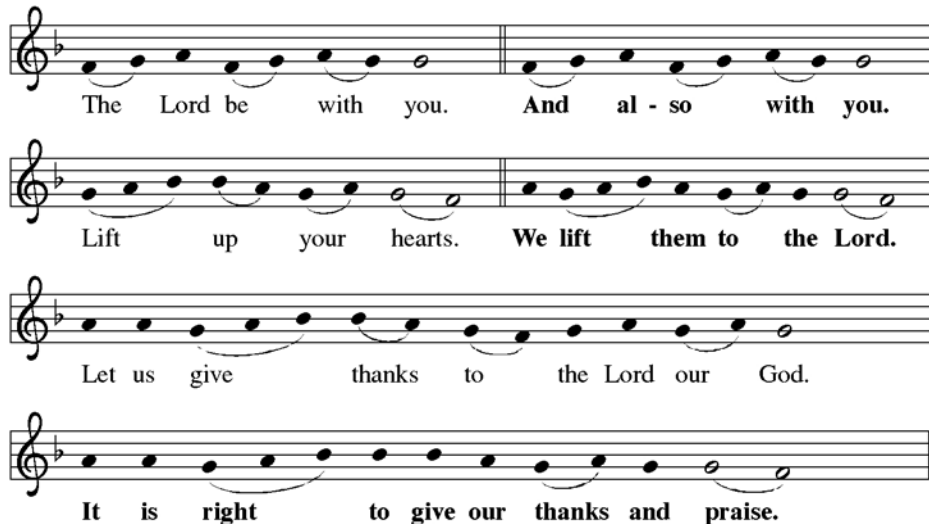
Give glory, all creation, great seas and stars and blazing sun  
All join in adoration before the only holy One!  
The God eternal name Him, the One who rules alone;  
The King of kings acclaim Him upon a heavenly throne!  
No light exists without Him, no life but by His Word,  
So gather, all, about Him, and own Him our God, our Lord!  
  
No realm is there so spacious, no rule demanding greater might;  
No one is there so gracious, yet just and holy, good and right;  
Beyond all comprehension, beyond the last surprise,  
Comes Love's divine invention: This God for creatures dies!  
No wonder angels praise Him and live in constant awe,  
Should not all creatures raise Him an endless Alleluia!

*Please stand.*  
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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. 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** Rex Sanctorum Angelorum | Thomas Tallis

Joy Doth So Arise | Thomas Morley

## COMMUNION HYMNS

**#802** Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

**#813** Faith of Our Fathers

*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.*

**#662 RECESSIONAL HYMN** Christ Is the King!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Epithalame | Healey Willan



## CONFIRMATION VERSES

**Leah Greiber** *Ephesians 4:32*

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has forgiven you.

**Tamara Gruber** *John 13:34*

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

**Sophie Niemann** *James 1:2-5*

Whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

**Hale Ridders** *Genesis 28:15a*

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.

**Jason Templeton** *1 Peter 3:8*

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

**Kate Watson** *Joshua 1:9*

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O blessed One, to thee I turn my gaze again. Thou art my strength, the Lord of all, the Unbegotten, the Beginning and the Father of the Beginning, who is the immortal Son. Thou art the Great Light sprung from similar light, circling in a manner that is ineffable from One to One. O Son of God, Wisdom, King, Word, Truth, Image of the Archetype, Nature equal to the Begetter, Shepherd, Man, High priest; and Spirit proceeding from the Father, Light of my mind, who comest to the pure and makest God of man, look down in mercy. As the years run their course, grant that I may hereafter be mingled with the whole divinity. With hymns unending may I celebrate thee in joy. Amen.

*Gregory of Nazianzus*  
(330 - 389)

## SERVING TODAY

<b>PRESIDER</b>	Pastor Brad Pohlman
<b>PREACHER</b>	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Andrew Schaeffer
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	George Alexander
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Phyllis Pleuss, Lynn Washington, Judy Braham
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Brian Uphoff
<b>LECTOR</b>	John Pleuss
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Mary Powell
<b>AUDIO</b>	Bill Braham
<b>VIDEO</b>	Lee Powell
<b>HEAD USHER</b>	Bob Uphoff
<b>USHERS</b>	Chris Uphoff, Solveig Rossi

**Please pray for those who will affirm their baptism by the Rite of Confirmation today:** Leah Greiber, Tamara Gruber, Sophie Niemann, Hale Ridders, Jason Templeton, and Kate Watson.

**Our thanks to the Recorder Ensemble** for playing this morning.

**Today we remember the inurnment of Margaret Greeno** in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read her page in the memory books.

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