



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 4

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 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 or Facebook

PRELUDE *Andante amabile from Zwölf Monologe* | Josef Rheinberger

GATHERING

Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave.

P. 227 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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

#443 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

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.

GLORIA



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.



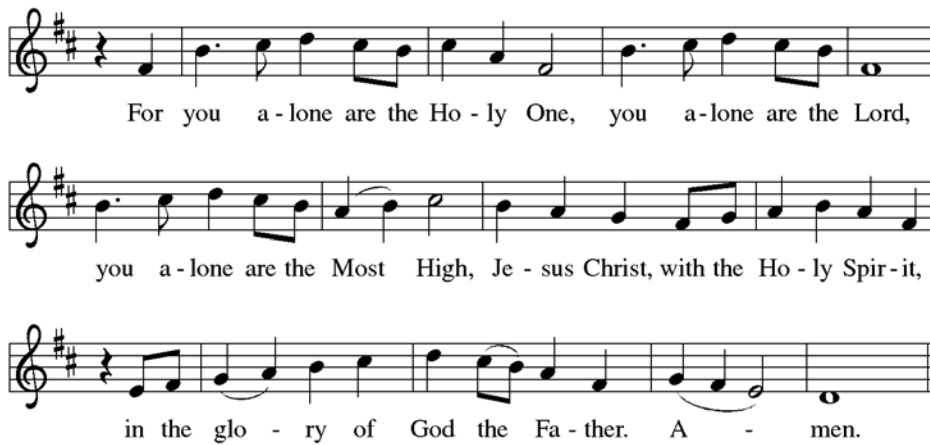
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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.

Teach us good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

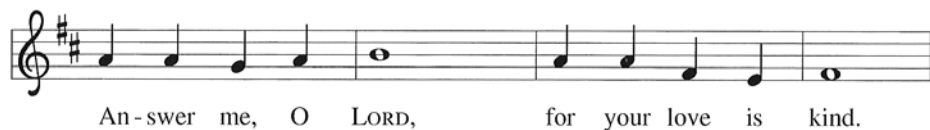
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69:7-18

The antiphon is sung by first by the choir and then by all.

Antiphon



An-swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.

Psalm Tone



Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,*
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,*
an alien to my | mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;*
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

I humbled my- | self with fasting,*
but that was turned to | my reproach. (*Antiphon sung by all*)

I put on | sackcloth also,*
and became a by- | word among them.

Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,*
and the drunkards make | songs about me.

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O Lord:*
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.

Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;*
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters. (*Antiphon sung by all*)

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;*

do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind;*

in your great compassion, | turn to me.

Hide not your face | from your servant;*
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me. (*Antiphon sung by all*)

SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Jesus says, The spirit of the Lord will testify on my behalf, and you also are to testify.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:24–39

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#447 HYMN OF THE DAY O Blessed Spring

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 Be Thou My Vision | arr. David N. Johnson

The text may be found at #793

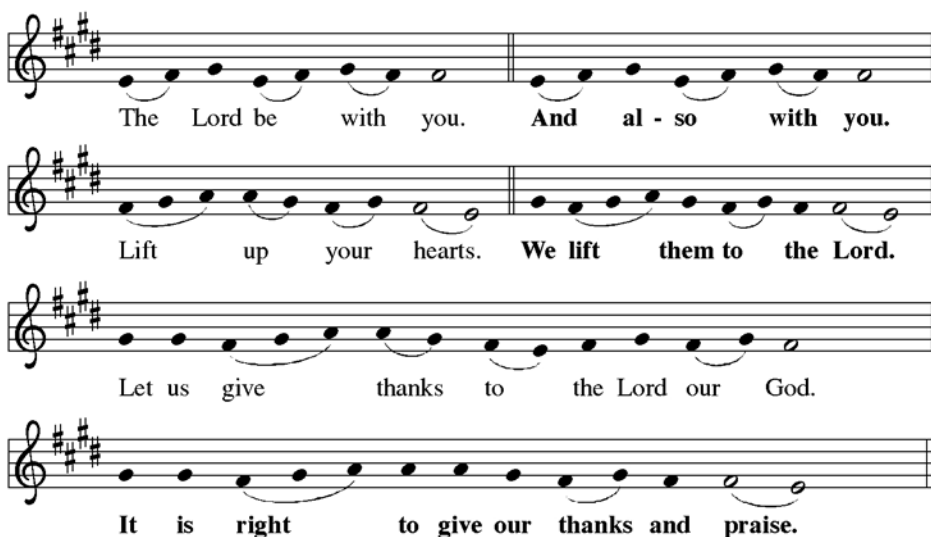
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

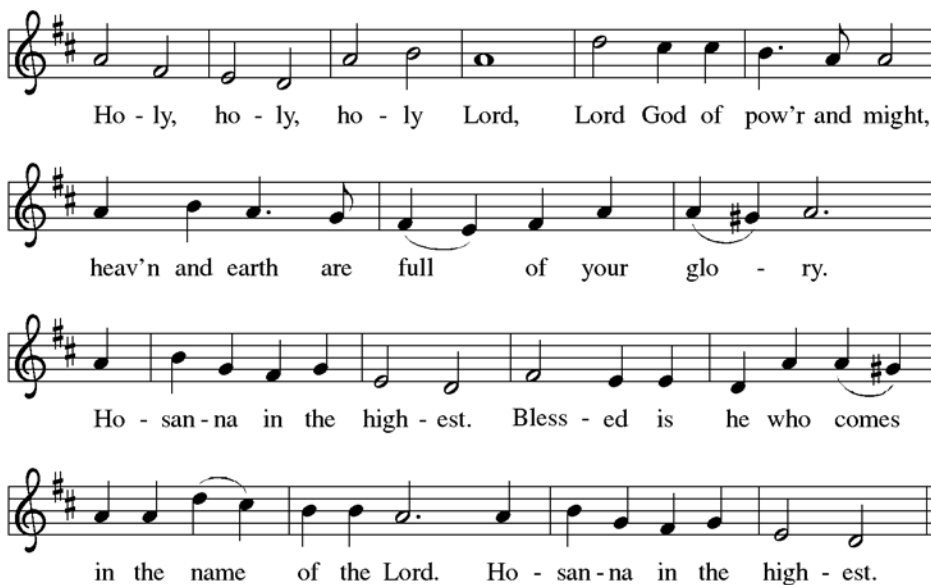
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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.

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.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

#781 Children of the Heavenly Father

#468 Around You, O Lord Jesus

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.

#449 RECESSIONAL HYMN We Know That Christ Is Raised

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Con moto *from Zwölf Monologe* | Josef Rheinberger

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Here is a man suffering on his bed of pain, and the church comes to him to perform the sacrament of healing. For this man, as for every person and the whole world, suffering can be the defeat, the way of a complete surrender to darkness, despair and solitude. It can be dying in the very real sense of the word. And yet it can be also the ultimate victory of a person and of Life in that person. The church does not come to restore health in this man, simply to replace medicine when medicine has exhausted its own possibilities. The church comes to take this man into the Love, the Light and the Life of Christ. It comes not merely to “comfort” him in his sufferings, not to “help” him, but to make him a martyr, a witness to Christ in his very sufferings. A martyr is one who beholds “the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God” (Acts 7:56). A martyr is one for whom God is not another—and the last—chance to stop the awful pain; God is his very life, and thus everything in his life comes to God, ascends to the fullness of Love.

*Alexander Schmemmann
(1921-1983)*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	The Rev. David Berggren
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTE	Elise Shirek
ASSISTING MINISTER	Luis Reynaldo
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Janelle Allen, Mike Bradley, Lynn Washington
CRUCIFER	Rolf Wulfsberg
LECTOR	Rolf Wulfsberg
SACRISTAN	Mary Powell
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Eric Oelkers
USHERS	Casey Oelkers, Dylan Oelkers, Kendall Oelkers

Baptized today are Alyssa Lynn Patterson, Victoria Rae Patterson, Deseray Marie Patterson and Mya Maria Patterson, sponsored by Angela Bronson, Vince Spruill and Jackie Kavanaugh.

Today we remember the inurnments of Archie Simonson and Catherine Uselmann in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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