

Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 6 SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE Concerto | Georg Christoph Wagenseil

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.#557 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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.

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

GLORIA



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, rest in you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-14

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

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

Lord, you are good to all,

and your compassion is over | all your works. (Antiphon sung by all)

All your works shall praise | you, O Lord,

and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom

and speak | of your power,

that all people may know | of your power

and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- out all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

The Lord upholds all | those who fall

and lifts up those who | are bowed down. (Antiphon sung by all)

SECOND READING Romans 7:15–25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh.

I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed these things to infants.

GOSPEL Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Glory to you, O Lord.

But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#332 HYMN OF THE DAY I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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 How Shall I Sing That Majesty | arr. Ryan Hebert

How shall I sing that Majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?
Thy brightness unto them appears,

Whilst I Thy footsteps trace; A sound of God comes to my ears, But they behold Thy face. They sing because Thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; For where heaven is but once begun There alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, Inflame it with love's fire; Then shall I sing and bear a part With that celestial choir. I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, With all my fire and light; Yet when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is Thine, Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

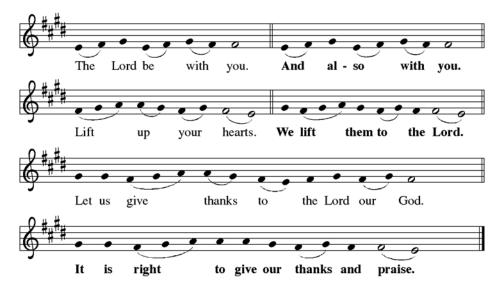
Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

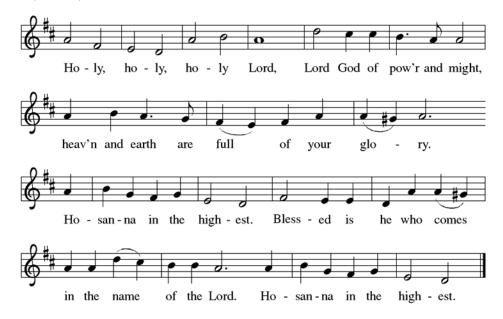
Let us pray.

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



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER





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.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Hemmet den Eifer, verbannet die Rache | Georg Telemann

COMMUNION HYMNS

- **#656** Blest Be the Tie That Binds
- **#742** What a Friend We Have in 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.#873 RECESSIONAL HYMN Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Präludium in C Major | Georg Böhm

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O Lord our God, let us have confidence in the protecting shadow of thy wings. Protect us and strengthen us. You will support us as helpless infants and as our hair turns grey. When you are our strength, then we are strong indeed but when we are foolish enough to trust in ourselves alone, then we are helpless. Our hope is always and only in You, and when we turn away we are misguided. Help us to turn again to You, O Lord, or else we will surely be overturned, for in You is our perfection, completely without flaw. We need never fear that there is no place to come home to, simply because for a time we chose to leave Your house. Our being away does not cause the house to collapse, because that house is Your Eternity. Amen.

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430)

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