



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 8

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 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 Aria | Paul Manz

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.

#693 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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

Assisting minister



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

All



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.

Faithful God, most merciful Father: we bless you for your compassion, your law and grace, your judgment and mercy. By your Spirit's power, grant that we might live and grow in the goodness of your garden, love and serve our neighbors as ourselves, and so enter into the joy of your harvest. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11-17

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

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore. (*Antiphon sung by all*)

For great is your | love toward me;

you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people |
seeks my life;**

they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;

give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.

**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be |
put to shame;**

because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | fortified me. (*Antiphon sung by all*)

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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: My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY We Plow the Fields and Scatter

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the mak - er Of all things near and far;
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,

But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand.
He paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star.
The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food.

He sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey him; By him the birds are fed.
No gifts have we to of - fer For all your love im - parts,

The breez - es and the sun - shine, And soft re - fresh - ing rain.
Much more to us, his chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.
But what you most would trea - sure— Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heav'n a - bove.

Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord For all his love.

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 *Laudate Dominum (Psalm 116) | W. A. Mozart*

Praise the Lord, all ye nations. Praise the Lord, all ye peoples.
For His loving kindness has been bestowed on us,
and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity.
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.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

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

The image shows one staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody line is accompanied by the lyrics: 'Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.'

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

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

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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.*

#733 COMMUNION HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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.

#399 RECESSIONAL HYMN O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This week we may be given challenges instead of ease, courage instead of contentment, opportunities instead of rest.

But we have a Savior who brings strength out of service, faith out of struggle, and victory out of defeat.

Go then, fearful of nothing, sure that in everything, we are held secure in the Master's steadfast love.

Amen.

E. Lee Phillips

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	The Rev. David Berggren
ORGANIST	Gary Lewis
ACOLYTE	
ASSISTING MINISTER	George Alexander
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Mary Powell, Helen Hartman, Kris Gruber-Twardy
CRUCIFER	Brian Uphoff
LECTOR	Bonnie Gruber
SACRISTAN	Mary Powell
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Bob Uphoff, Chris Uphoff, Jeff Van Fleet

Our thanks to Gary Lewis for playing the organ this morning while Andrew Schaeffer is away on parental leave.

Our thanks to soprano Catherine Smith, and to our summer choir for adding to our worship today.

Altar flowers are given by the Rev. David & Susan Berggren in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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

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