



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 15

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9:15–noon.

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 RHOSYMEDRE, or Lovely | Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.

#864 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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

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.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your everlasting mercy. Without your help, we fail; remove from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die

in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40

The choir sings the antiphon, “I desire the path of your commandments,” before and after the psalm. The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;

I shall keep it with | all my heart.

Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

Incline my heart to | your decrees

and not to | unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

Fulfill your promise | to your servant,

which is for | those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.

Behold, I long for | your commandments;

by your righteousness en- | liven me.

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15–20

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#359 HYMN OF THE DAY Where Charity and Love Prevail

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.

BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

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 Cantate Domino | Hans Leo Hassler

Cantate Domino, canticum novum: cantate Domino omnis terra.

Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini eius: annuntiate de die in diem salutare eius.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam eius, in omnibus populis mirabilia eius.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, and bless his name: announce his salvation from day to day.

Announce among the nations his glory, and his wonders to all peoples.

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

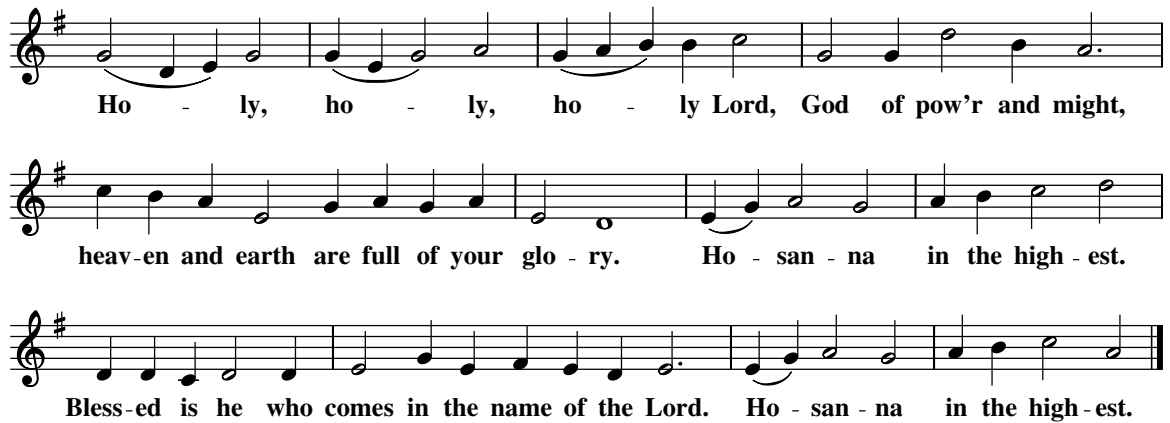
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 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 your 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.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #485 I Am the Bread of Life
- #470 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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.

- #836 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Dialogue sur les Mixtures, *from Suite Brève* | Jean Langlais

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

For what further need has God of the mysteries of love? And then thou shalt look into the bosom of the Father, whom God the only-begotten Son alone hath declared. And God Himself is love; and out of love to us became feminine. In His ineffable essence He is Father; in His compassion to us He became Mother. The Father by loving became feminine: and the great proof of this is He whom He begot of Himself; and the fruit brought forth by love is love.

*Clement of Alexandria
(150 - 212)*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Emily Tveite
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTE	Julia Neitzel, Alex Thiele
ASSISTING MINISTER	Luis Reynaldo
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jane Hall, John Pleuss, Helen Hartman
CRUCIFER	
LECTOR	Heidi Notbohm
SACRISTAN	Mary Powell
AUDIO	Randy Eide
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Jeff Van Fleet
USHERS	Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Phyllis Pleuss

Altar flowers are given by Janet Streiff in memory of John Streiff.

A note about fall liturgy from Andrew Schaeffer

Today through Reformation Sunday on Oct. 29, we will be using a new musical setting of the Communion liturgy. It was originally composed by Roger Petrich who served LM as director of music, 1971-1977. Roger originally wrote this setting to be included in the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978). Though it was ultimately not included in the LBW, it enjoyed some life here during Roger's tenure. Over a year ago, I contacted Roger about reviving the setting for our building's 100th anniversary, a prospect he truly relished! Sadly, Roger died while updating it, but I'm pleased to say that we were able to finish the project thanks to Rolf Wulfsberg, who typeset the music, and my friend Ken Miller, who composed new brass parts. Our use of this setting is not only a fitting memorial to Roger, but also a celebration of this congregation's commitment to high-quality music. Though we will use this setting primarily in conjunction with our anniversary events, it's my hope that this setting becomes a part of our rote for years to come.

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