



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 17

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Andante in G Major | Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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.

#853 PROCESSIONAL HYMN When Morning Gilds the Skies

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.

Almighty and eternal God, you show lovingkindness to your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and form us in the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10—4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at

the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

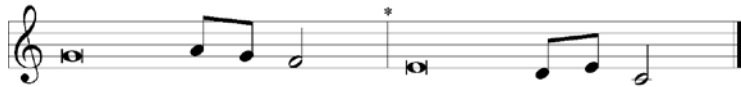
But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-8

The choir sings the antiphon, “The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,” before and after the psalm. The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

**Every day | will I bless you
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised!
There is no end | to your greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power**

I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

**They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart

and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

Glory to you, O Lord.

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#358 HYMN OF THE DAY Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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 God Be in My Head | John Rutter

God be in my head
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart
And in my thinking;
God be at mine end
And at my departing

Please stand.

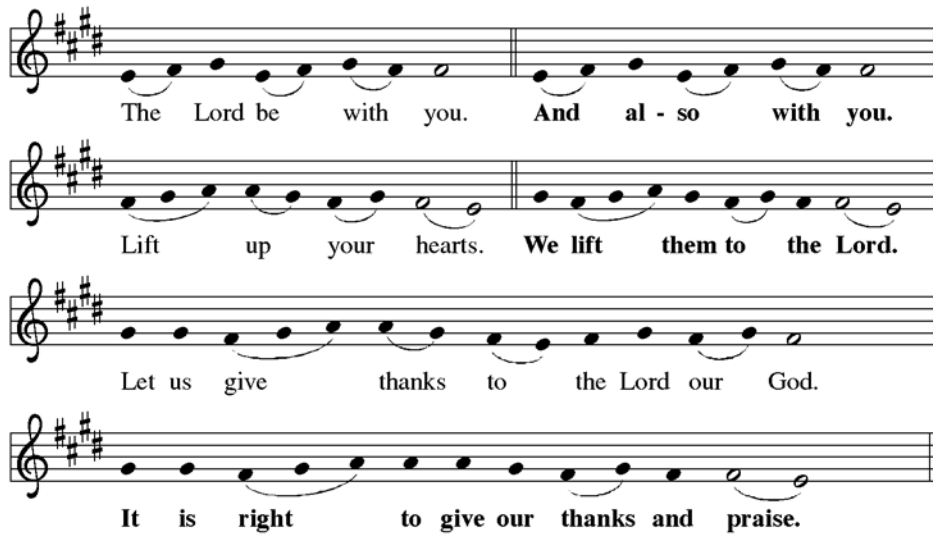
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

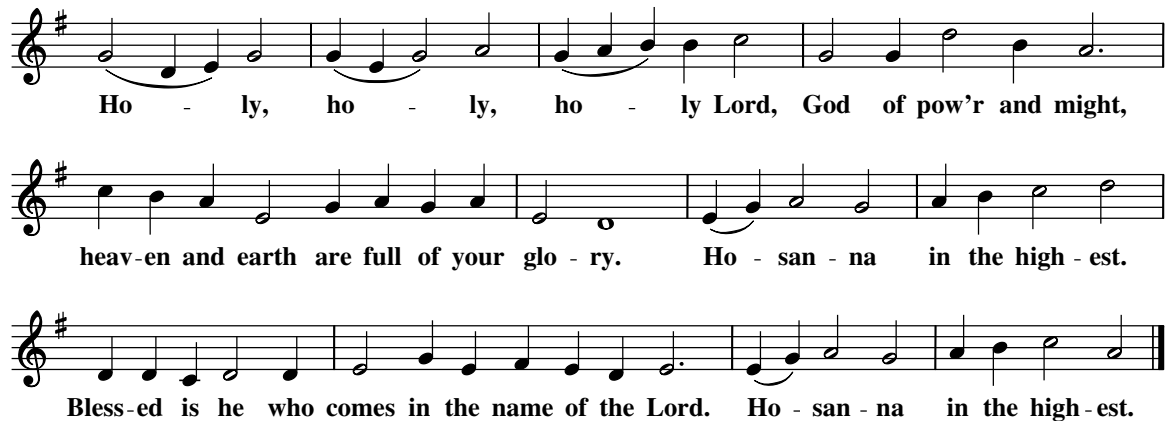
Amen.

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord... all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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 mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mercy 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.*

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION O Lord, Increase My Faith | Henry Loosemore, arr. Conger

#765 COMMUNION HYMN Lord of All Hopefulness

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.

#537 RECESSIONAL HYMN On Our Way Rejoicing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Finale from *St. Wilfrid's Suite* | Andrew Carter

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

...I repeat, the school of the world seems to send out living copies of this typical excellence with greater success than the Church. At this day the "gentlemen" is the creation, not of Christianity, but of civilization. But the reason is obvious. The world is content with setting right the surface of things; the Church aims at regenerating the very depths of the heart. She ever begins with the beginning; and, as regards the multitude of her children, is never able to get beyond the beginning, but is continually employed in laying the foundation. She is engaged with what is essential, as previous and as introductory to the ornamental and the attractive. She is curing men and keeping them clear of mortal sin; she is "treating of justice and chastity, and the judgment to come;" she is insisting on faith and hope, and devotion, and honesty, and the elements of charity; and has so much to do with precept, that she almost leaves it to inspirations from Heaven to suggest what is of counsel and perfection. She aims at what is necessary rather than what is desirable. She is for the many as well as for the few. She is putting souls in the way of salvation, that they may then be in a condition, if they shall be called upon, to aspire to the heroic, and to attain the full proportions, as well as the rudiments, of the beautiful...

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Emily Tveite
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTE	Elise Shirek, Roman Worzala Dumke
ASSISTING MINISTER	
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Panka McGuire, Janelle Allen
CRUCIFER	
LECTOR	
SACRISTAN	Dan Ruge
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Eric Oelkers
USHERS	Casey Oelkers, Dylan Oelkers, Kendall Oelkers

Our thanks to Laura Conger, soprano, for singing this morning.

Altar flowers are given by Sandra Bertics in memory of Vicky Bertics.

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

A note about fall liturgy from Andrew Schaeffer

From Sunday, Sep. 10 to 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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