



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 18

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 O God, My Faithful God | Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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.

#416 PROCESSIONAL HYMN At the Name of Jesus


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.

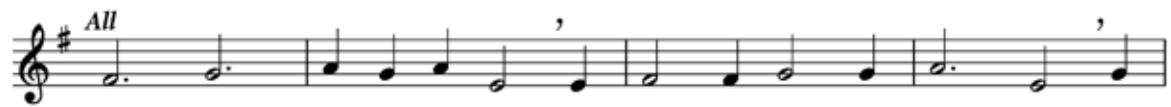
GLORIA

Choir



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



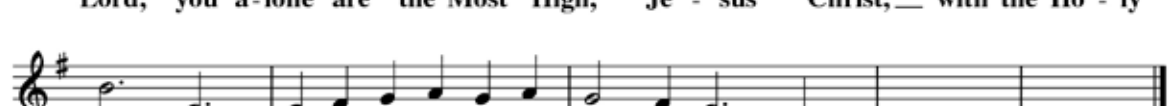
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: ___ re - ceive our



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.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32

Glorify to you, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#806 HYMN OF THE DAY O God, My Faithful God

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 Show Me Thy Ways | Walter Pelz

Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths;
Lead me in thy truth and teach me:
For thou art the God of my salvation.
And on thee do I wait all the day.

Please stand.

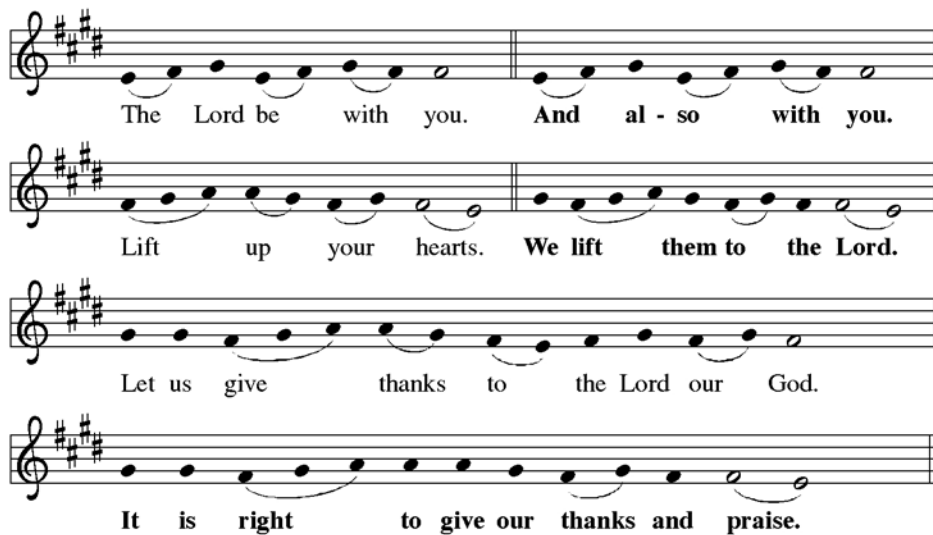
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

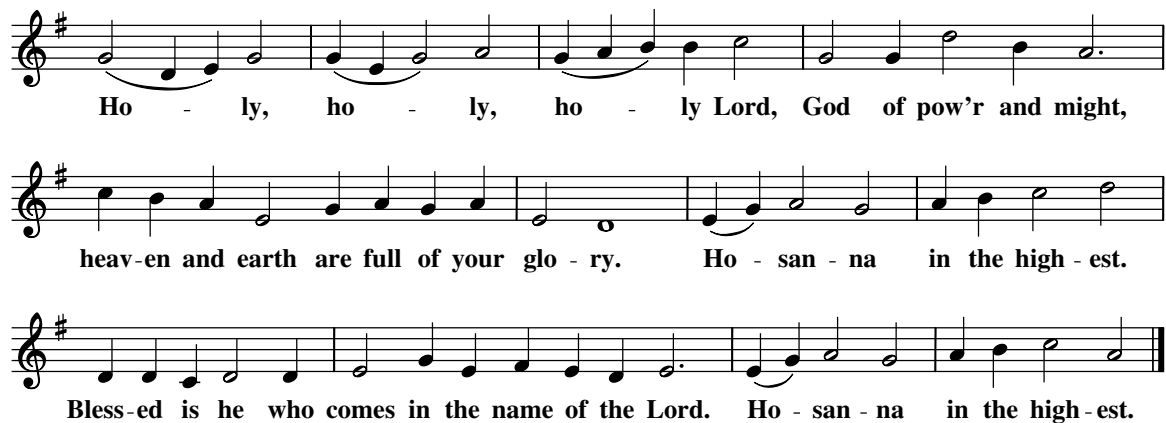
Amen.

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,



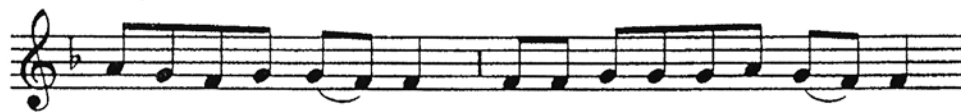
on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our



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 Lettre d'Amour | Antal Doráti

#712 COMMUNION HYMN Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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.

#776 RECESSIONAL HYMN What God Ordains Is Good Indeed

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Präludium in F Major | Vincent Lübeck

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O Thou God Omnipotent,
who so carest for every one
of us, as if Thou carest for
him alone; and so for all, as
if all were but one! Blessed
is the man who loveth Thee,
and his friend in Thee, and
his enemy for Thee. For he
only loses none dear to him,
to whom all are dear in Him
who cannot be lost. And
who is that but our God,
the God that made heaven
and earth, and filleth them,
even by filling them creating
them. And Thy law is truth,
and truth is Thyself. I behold
how some things may pass
away that others may replace
them, but Thou dost never
depart, O God, my Father
supremely good, Beauty of all
things beautiful. To Thee will
I intrust whatsoever I have
received from Thee, so shall
I lose nothing. Thou madest
me for Thyself, and my heart
is restless until it rests in
Thee. Amen.

*Augustine, Bishop of Hippo
(354 - 430)*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTE	Dylan Oelkers, Kole Consigny
ASSISTING MINISTER	Christopher Beaver
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Janet Zentner, Randy Raasch, Jane Hall
CRUCIFER	Rolf Wulfsberg
LECTOR	Brenda Ryther
SACRISTAN	Randy Raasch
AUDIO	Alex Starr
VIDEO	Alex Starr
HEAD USHER	Robert Steffen
USHERS	Marsha Steffen, Nicole Lane Starr, Phyllis Pleuss

Our thanks to Margret Bradley, oboe, for playing this morning.

Today we remember the inurnments of Kay Ewers, Ruth Schwenkert and John Streiff in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages 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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