



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

REFORMATION DAY
& CENTENNIAL OF THE BUILDING DEDICATION
SUNDAY, OCT. 29, 2023

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 Reformation Suite | S. Drummond Wolff
Fanfare in D Major | David N. Johnson

GATHERING

Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave.

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.

#413 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

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.

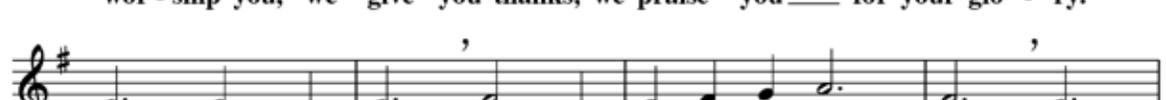
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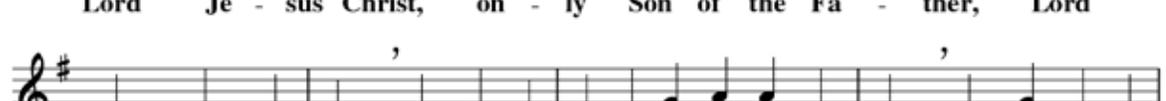
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



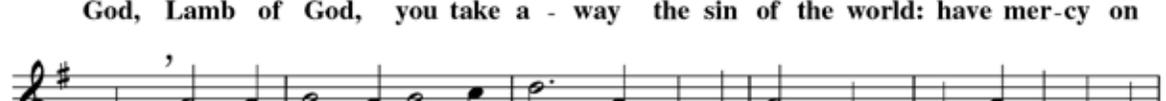
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you — for your glo - ry.



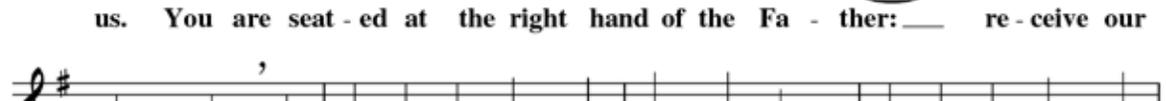
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord



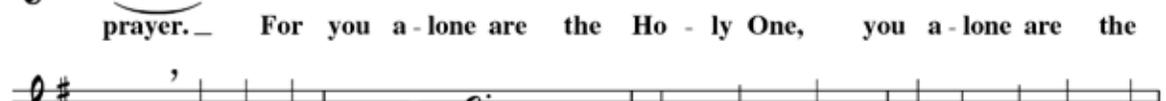
God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



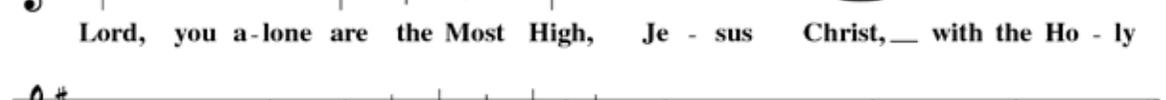
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our



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.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

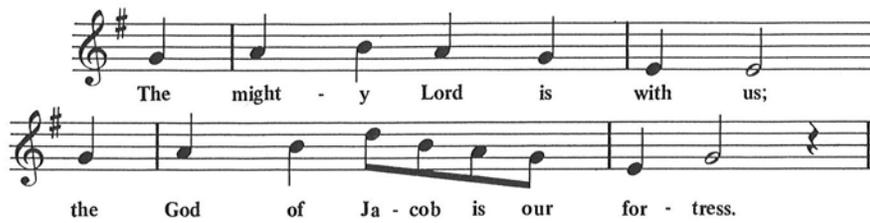
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (*Setting by Dale Wood*)

REFRAIN: Choir only

REFRAIN: Choir and congregation



The mighty Lord is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

PSALM: Choir God is our refuge and strength,
an ever ready help in the time of trouble.
We shall not fear if the earth is shaken,
if the mountains fall into the deeps of the sea;
Even if the waters rage and foam,
and the mountains quake in the surging tide.

REFRAIN: Choir and congregation

PSALM: Choir There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the dwelling place of the Most High.
God is within her; she cannot be shaken.
God will help her at the breaking of the dawn.
Nations are in tumult and kingdoms are shaken;
God speaks and the earth melts away.

REFRAIN: Choir and congregation

PSALM: Choir Come, see the works of the Lord,
the awesome deeds he has done in the earth.
He puts an end to wars in all the world;
breaks the bow, shatters the spear
and burns the chariots with fire.
“Be still and know that I am God,
exalted among the nations, exalted in the earth.”

REFRAIN: Choir and congregation

SECOND READING *Romans 3:19–28*

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

#517 GOSPEL PROCESSION Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

GOSPEL *John 8:31–36*

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSION Fanfare in C Major | David N. Johnson

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#652 HYMN OF THE DAY Built on a Rock (*Stanza 4 sung by choir*)

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

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 O How Amiable | Ralph Vaughan Williams
O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,

And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
 Even the altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
 They will be always praising thee.
 The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
 Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
 O prosper thou our handiwork.
 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,
 And our eternal home.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our 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

We give you thanks, Father . . . both 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.



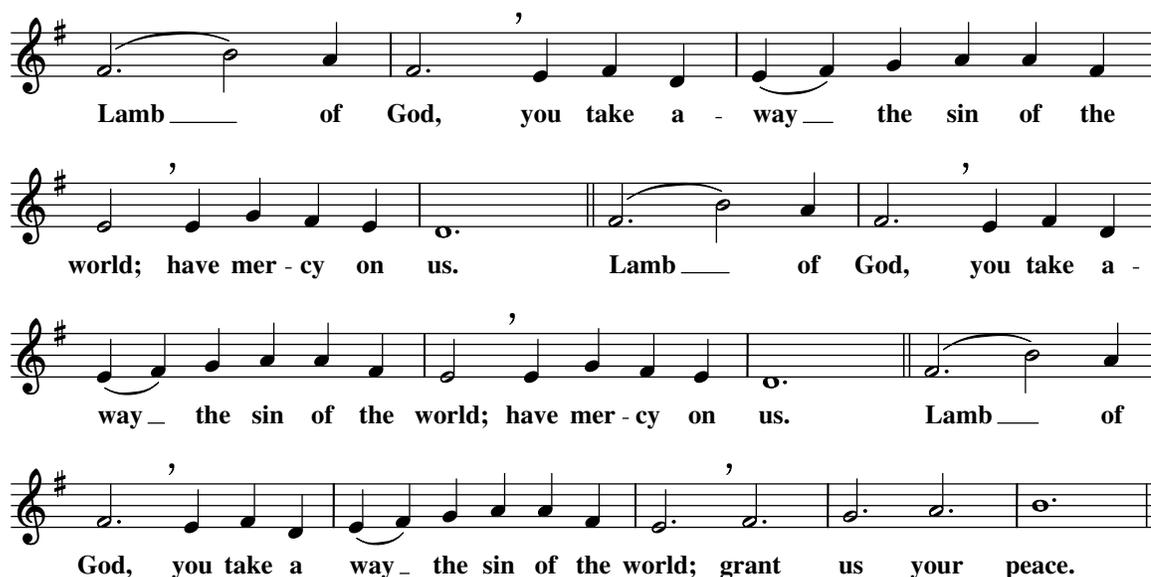
For thine is the king- dom, and the pow- er, and the



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

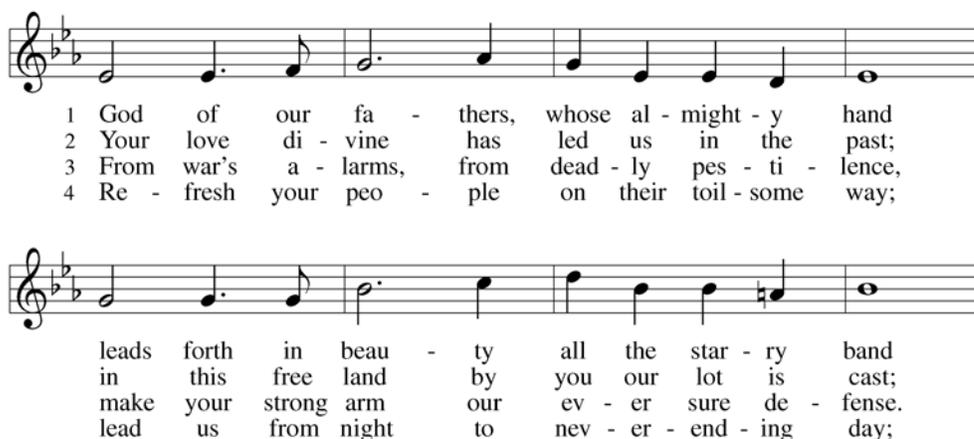
All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread) in our open hands. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup. The Blood of Christ (wine) may be received in any of three ways: by drinking from the first chalice, by dipping the bread (intinction) 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 Strengthen for Service, Lord | Robert Hobby

The text may be found in hymn #497

COMMUNION HYMN God of Our Fathers*



1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band;
2 Your love divine has led us in the past; in this free land by you our lot is cast;
3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, make your strong arm our ever sure defense;
4 Refresh your people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #654 The Church's One Foundation*
- #632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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.

- #503 RECESSIONAL HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God | Sigfrid Karg-Elert, arr. Wesley Day

* Indicates hymns that were sung at the building's dedication in 1923.

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

To make the way smoother for the unlearned—for only them do I serve—

I shall set down the following two propositions concerning the freedom and the bondage of the spirit:

A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.

A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

These two theses seem to contradict each other. If, however, they should be found to fit together they would serve our purpose beautifully. Both are Paul's own statements, who says in 1 Cor. 9, "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all," and in Rom. 13, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." Love by its very nature is ready to serve and be subject to him who is loved. So Christ, although he was Lord of all, was "born of woman, born under the law" (Gal. 4:4), and therefore was at the same time a free man and a servant, "in the form of God" and "of a servant" (Phil. 2:6-7).

*Martin Luther (1483-1546)
"The Freedom of a Christian"
(1520)*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR	Andrew Schaeffer
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR	Ken Sosinski
ACOLYTE	Roman Worzala Dumke
ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Jean Huston
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jane Hall, Janet Zentner, Panka McGuire
CRUCIFER	Brandon Metzler
LECTOR	Peter Mahler
SACRISTAN	Dan Ruge
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Jeff Van Fleet, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Paul Twardy, Bob Uphoff

Our thanks to musicians: Matt Sundell, Laura McGuire (trumpet); Steve Nickels, Zach Bethel (trombone); and Laura Guse (timpani).

Altar flowers are given by Kris Gruber-Twardy and Paul Twardy in honor of the 100th anniversary of Luther Memorial's building dedication.

Today we remember the inurnments of John Gruber and Carl Gulbrandsen in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

A note about the liturgy from Andrew Schaeffer

On October 28, 1923, the young congregation of Luther Memorial Church marched down University Avenue from their old location at 626 University Avenue (now the Church Key Bar and Grill) to this stunning, new edifice at 1021 University Avenue. As they processed into their new home, they sang the venerable hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy" and today, 100 years later, we shall join our voices with those saints of old in singing it as our Processional Hymn. In addition to "Holy, Holy, Holy," we will sing three other hymns that were sung at the first service in 1923, which are denoted by an asterisk in your bulletin.

Two pieces of liturgical music were composed for our celebration this morning. The first, the setting of our Hymn of the Day, "Built on a Rock," is by Luther Memorial parishioner Berkley Guse. Berkley dedicated the piece to honor the "musicians, clergy and people of Luther Memorial." We are grateful to Berkley for this unique gift! The congregational setting of Holy Communion was also dedicated to the people of Luther Memorial by our former director of music, Roger Petrich (1971-1977) in honor of our building's centennial. Sadly, Roger died in the midst of this project, so we are grateful to the talents of Rolf Wulfsberg and Kenneth Miller, who sympathetically completed the work. It is our hope that Roger's setting becomes familiar over time and a part of our liturgical rote.

It is staggering to think of the amount of glorious music that has bounced off of these old walls over the past century. We give thanks for all who have cultivated our music ministry in the past, and look to the future with great hope.