



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 25 & THE RITE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM
SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 2023 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE Partita on St. Anne (O God, Our Help in Ages Past) |
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.

#810 PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised

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.

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

LIVESTREAM BROADCAST

This service is livestreamed on our website at www.luthermem.org and YouTube. Cameras are installed in the nave, and worshipers may occasionally be visible on this broadcast.

PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the 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.

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 9:15-11:45 am.

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

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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GLORIA

f Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est,

p and _____ peace to his peo - ple on earth. *f* 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, we praise you for your glo - ry, Lord, 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 pray'r, re - ceive our pray'r.
 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. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, righteous master, you rule the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

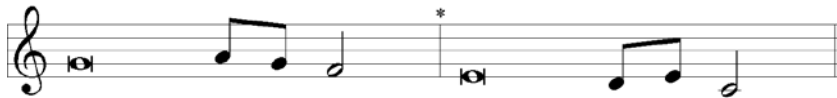
Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12

The choir sings the antiphon, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Lord, you have | been our refuge*
from one generation | to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,*
from age to age | you are God.**

You turn us back to the | dust and say,*
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past*
and like a watch | in the night;**

you sweep them away | like a dream,*
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

For we are consumed | by your anger;*
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

**Our iniquities you have | set before you,*
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**

When you are angry, all our | days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;*
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.**

Who regards the power | of your wrath?*

Who rightly fears your | indignation?]

So teach us to num- | ber our days*
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14–30

Glory to you, O Lord.

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with

the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#403 HYMN OF THE DAY Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
Stanza 1 sung by choir; stanzas 2 & 3 sung by all

P. 234 AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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 Turn Thee Again, O Lord | Thomas Attwood

Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious to Thy servants. Amen. (*Psalm 90:13*)

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.

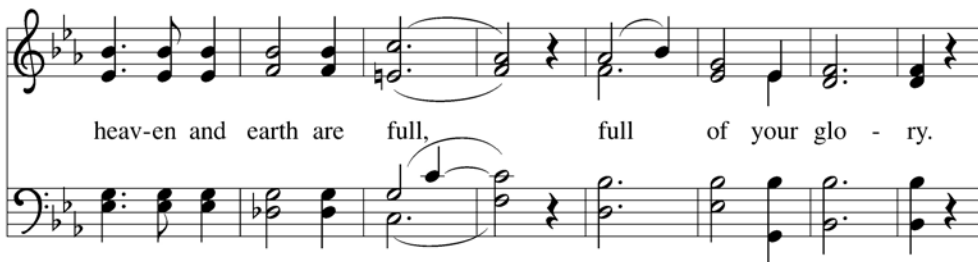
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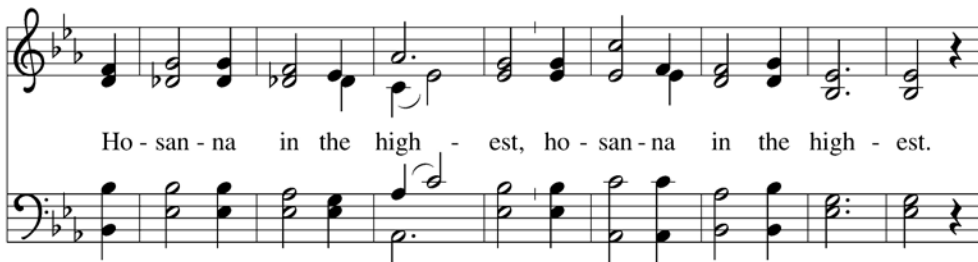
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



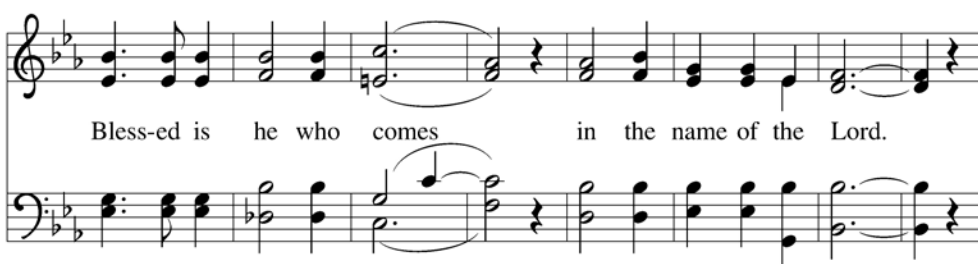
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

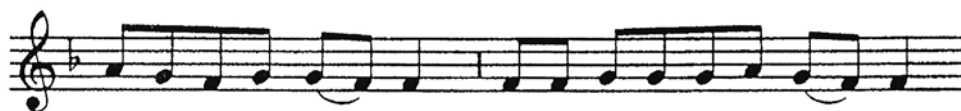
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be

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



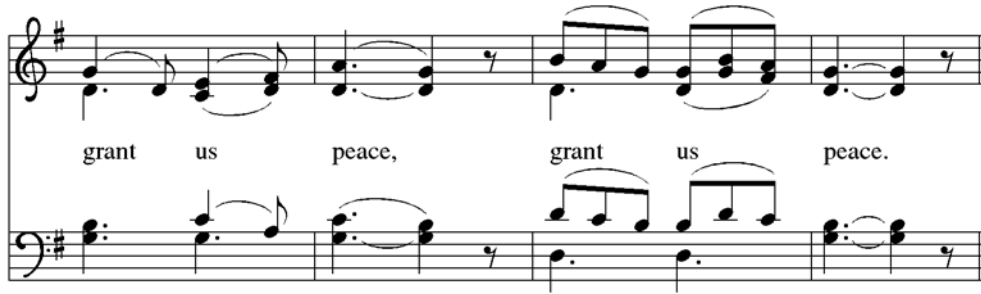
glo- ry, for- ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

Please sit.
AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



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

- #802 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
- #404 Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove
- #767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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.

- #632 RECESSIONAL HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fugue-Finale on St. Anne | Paul Manz

CONFIRMATION VERSES

Ben Blackmore *Joshua 1:9*

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Julia Neitzel *1 Peter 4:8*

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Dylan Oelkers *John 8:31-32*

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

Corbin Slinde *Proverbs 4:23*

Above all else, guard your hearts, for everything you do flows from it.

Alex Thiele *Proverbs 3:5*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, let me seek you by desiring you; let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you.

I confess, Lord with thanksgiving, that you have made me in your image, so that I can remember you, think of you, and love you. But that image is so worn and blotted out by faults, and darkened by the smoke of sin, that it cannot do that for which it was made, unless you refashion it. Lord, I am not trying to make my way to your height, for my understanding is in no way equal to that, but I do desire to understand a little of your truth which my heart already believes and loves. I do not seek to understand so that I can believe, but I believe so that I may understand; and what is more, I believe that unless I do believe, I shall not understand. Amen.

Anselm (1033 - 1109)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Kendall Oelkers
ASSISTING MINISTER	Dave Zentner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Karole Leadholm, Randy Raasch, Janet Zentner
CRUCIFER	Brian Uphoff
LECTOR	Judy Braham
SACRISTAN	Karen Harris
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Bob Uphoff
USHERS	Chris Uphoff, Jeff Van Fleet

Please pray for those who will affirm their baptism by the Rite of Confirmation today: Ben Blackmore, Julia Neitzel, Dylan Oelkers, Corbin Slinde and Alex Thiele.

Today's music setting is from Franz Schubert's German Mass.

Today we remember the inurnments of Terry Allen and Lewis Bosworth in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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