



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 | 10:30 AM

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. The nursery is open but unstaffed today.

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 Omnes de Saba venient | Jacob Handl
Gaudete omnes | Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.

#310 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, 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.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, you move over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1–5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

The choir sings the antiphon, “The voice of the Lord is upon the waters,” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,*

ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;*

worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;*

the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;*

the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;*

the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf;*

and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

The voice | of the Lord*

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;*

the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.*

And in the temple of the Lord all are | crying, “Glory!”

The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;*

the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

O Lord, give strength | to your people;*

give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 19:1–7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord

Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

Stanzas 1 & 2 sung before Gospel; stanza 3 sung after Gospel



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

GOSPEL Mark 1:4–11

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Stanzas 1 sung by all; stanza 2 sung by choir; stanza 3 sung by high voices;

stanza 4 sung by choir; stanza 5 sung by low voices; stanza 6 sung by choir; stanza 7 sung by all

All 1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do his Fa - ther's
Choir 2 Oh, hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God him - self has
High Voices 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and
Choir 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -

plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word Was
spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell And
won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down, Which
tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove Up -

giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing now shall be
so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with his Word en - dows
we do well to pon - der: "This man is my be - lov - ed Son,
on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as - sur - ing us,

A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion And, by his blood and ag - o - ny,
Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing. God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows
In whom my heart has plea - sure. Him you must hear, and him a - lone,
With prom - is - es com - pel - ling, That in our bap - tism he will thus

Re - lease from death's op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
Our kin - ship, while be - stow - ing The bap - tism of his bless - ing.
And trust in full - est mea - sure The word that he has spo - ken."
A - mong us find a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

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Low Voices 5 To his disciples spoke the Lord,
"Go out to ev'ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word
And this my invitation:
Let ev'ryone abandon sin
And come in true contrition
To be baptized, and thereby win
Full pardon and remission,
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

Choir 6 But woe to those who cast aside
This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide
And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail,
Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail,
And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.

All 7 All that the mortal eye beholds
Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood
To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of his precious blood
The love of God revealing,
Assuring his own pardon.

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 Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day | John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance;
Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man's nature
To call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard I from above,
To call my true love to my dance.

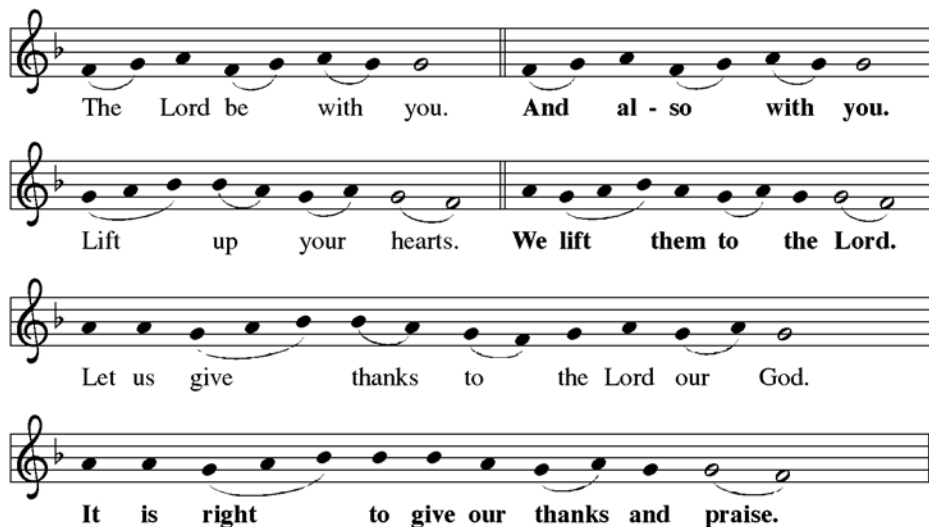
Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



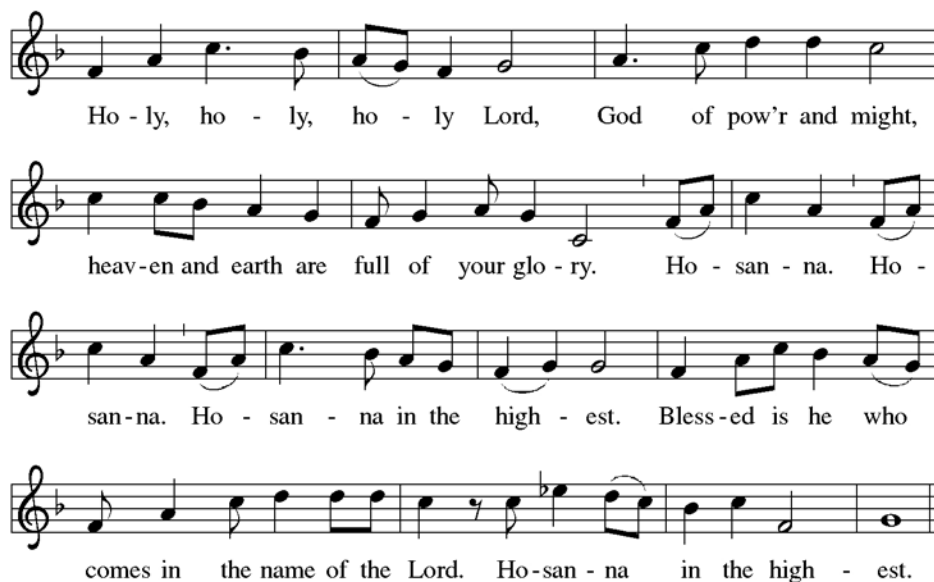
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

SANCTUS



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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

AGNUS DEI

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 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.*

#450 COMMUNION HYMN I Bind unto Myself Today

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.

#304 RECESSIONAL HYMN Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Divertissement *from 24 Pieces in Free Style* | Louis Vierne

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

King of Heaven, Jesus Christ, we render thanks unto Thee, that from among Jews and Gentiles Thou hast gathered unto Thyself a church, and has prepared praise unto Thyself out of our mouths. Keep us in that heavenly wisdom which Thou hast revealed unto the wise. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit that we may reverently seek Thee and Thy kingdom. Help us to follow after Thy Word as our miraculous guiding star. Cause us to confess Thy Holy Name before friend and foe. Govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that the Christian joy kindled in our hearts may ever increase. Hear our sighings and our prayers. Accept the offerings which Thou hast Thyself given us, the gold of faith, the frankincense of prayer, and the myrrh of our contrite hearts. Save us from all shameful paths of sin, and let Thy good Spirit lead us in paths of pleasantness. After this life, grant us all to attain that great New Year, the jubilee of everlasting life: then will we be praising Thee and the Father, together with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

*J. K. Wilhelm Loehe
(1808-1872)*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Kole Consigny, Julia Neitzel
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carl Anderson
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	John Pleuss, Phyllis Pleuss, Mary Powell
CRUCIFER	Branden Metzler
LECTOR	Susan Berggren
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
AUDIO & VIDEO	Alex Starr
HEAD USHER	Robert Steffen
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Our thanks to the Recorder Ensemble for playing this morning.

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