

## Luther Memorial Church

# Holy Communion 2 epiphany sunday, january 14, 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 Duetti da Camera | G.F. Handel

# 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.#520 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

## 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**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, our strength and our redeemer, by your holy Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, and joyfully follow you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1–20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

*The choir sings the antiphon*, "You have searched me out and known me," *before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.* 



Lord, you have | searched me out;\* O Lord, | you have known me. You know my sitting down and my | rising up;\* you discern my thoughts | from afar. You trace my journeys and my | resting-places\* and are acquainted with | all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,\* but you, O Lord, know it | altogether. You encompass me, behind | and before,\*

and lay your | hand upon me.

## Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;\*

## it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

For you yourself created my | inmost parts;\*

you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;\*

your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

My body was not hid- | den from you,\*

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

- Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written | in your book;\* my days were fashioned before they | came to be.
- How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!\*

How great is the | sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;\* to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 





Choir: We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth.

## GOSPEL John 1:43–51

## Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?"

Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Please sit. SERMON

*Please stand.* 

**#584 HYMN OF THE DAY** The Son of God, Our Christ Stanzas 1 & 2 sung by the choir; stanzas 3–5 sung by all

## **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

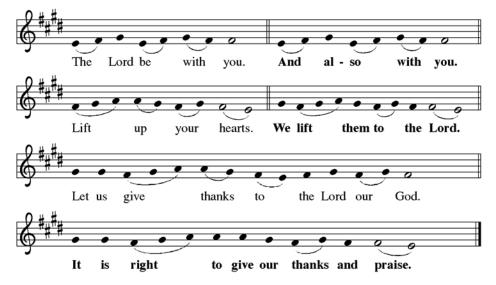
*Please sit.* **OFFERING** How Lovely Shines the Morning Star | Hugo Distler *The text is from hymn #308* 

# *Please stand.* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

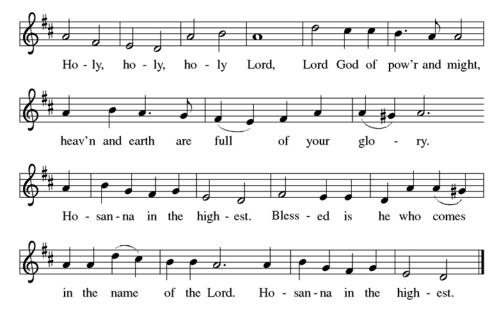
Let us pray.

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**



SANCTUS



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



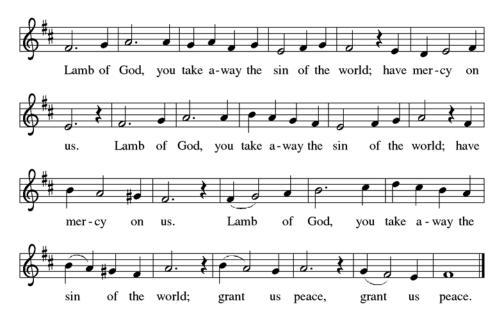
Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER



Please sit. AGNUS DEI



#### 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 Largo from Sonata in g, Op. 1 | John Loeillet

**#676** COMMUNION HYMN Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

#### 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.#313 RECESSIONAL HYMN O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

## DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE** A Festive Intrada | Walter Pelz

## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

I have invited you, Lord, to a wedding feast of song, but the wine—the utterance of praise at our feast has failed. You are the guest who filled the jars with good wine, fill my mouth with your praise.

You who are so just, if at a wedding feast not your own you filled six jars with good wine, do you, at this wedding feast, fill not stone jars, but the Church's ten thousand ears with its sweetness.

Jesus, you were invited to the wedding feast of others, here is your own pure and fair wedding feast: gladden your reborn people, for your guests too, O Lord, need your songs; let your harp resound!

The soul is your bridal chamber, your guests are our senses and our thoughts, and if a single person is a wedding feast for you, how great is your banquet for the whole Church!

Amen.

Ephraem (306-373)

# SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Rev. David Berggren
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Michael Thiele, Tyler Thiele
ASSISTING MINISTER	Luis Reynaldo
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Al Larson, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Jane Hall
CRUCIFER	Rolf Wulfsberg
LECTOR	Kelly Olson
SACRISTAN	Mary Powell
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Jeff Van Fleet
USHERS	Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Calvin Slinde

Our thanks to Karen Snowberg & Ron Nelson, recorders, for playing this morning.

**Altar flowers are given by Woody Klipp** in honor of his wonderful nephew Bradley A. Klipp on his 40th birthday on January 13.

**Today we remember the inurnment of Gordon Shigley** in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read his page in the memory books.

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